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## Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	Dec. 1955	Dec. 1954	Nov. 1955
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,383	2,816	2,268
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	45,270	38,151	43,550
Construction Contracts (\$1,000).....*	1,920,754	1,828,837	1,796,787
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....*	145,423	133,523	133,711
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....*	138,803	121,907	141,807
Industrial Production (FRB) 1947-49=100	144.0	130.0	144.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	108.5	102.2	109.4
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	163.8	143.1	164.3
Newspaper Production (net tons).....*	651,911	612,355	681,996
Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....*	685,148	620,532	686,753
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	6,254	5,587	6,099
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....*	N. A.	70,400	69,900
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....*	124,736	119,226	134,769
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	10,468	8,287	10,247
Zinc Production (net tons).....*	92,578	85,164	87,616
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....*	78,010	74,900	91,585
	Nov. 1955	Nov. 1954	Oct. 1955
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,537	5,247	6,301
Cotton Consumption (bales).....*	741,447	703,367	737,056
Electricity Production (kwh-hours).....*	54,513	46,440	54,206
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....*	52,623	46,711	53,747
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....*	51,370	34,913	52,062
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).....*	860,845	587,785	601,256
Tires - Production (units).....*	9,603	7,624	9,555
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	8,045	6,840	8,117
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	N. A.	30,400	37,300
	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1954	Sept. 1955
Cement Production (barrels).....*	27,924	25,887	26,938
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	28,041	27,134	29,523
Cigarette Production (units).....*	32,937	31,593	32,076
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	118,652	107,167	113,527
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	211,770	190,198	201,919
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	231,411	211,851	224,478

FINANCIAL:	Dec. 1955	Dec. 1954	Nov. 1955
Bank Debts, Total U. S. (\$1,000).....*	200,523	186,317	173,198
Bank Debts, N. Y. C. (\$1,000).....*	81,027	73,817	63,406
Bank Debts, Outside N. Y. C. (\$1,000).....*	119,496	112,499	109,792
Bond Sales, N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$1,000).....*	80,651	126,487	75,397
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. (\$1,000).....*	2,190	3,310	2,240
Bond Sales, Municipal (\$1,000).....*	397,355	906,056	661,062
Fire Losses (\$1,000).....*	89,212	83,881	69,784
Life Insurance Sales (\$1,000).....*	N. A.	4,137	4,598
Stock Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	50,991	76,456	46,380
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares).....*	22,030	25,960	18,560
	Nov. 1955	Nov. 1954	Oct. 1955
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1,000).....*	1,302,000	1,250,000	1,395,100
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1,000).....*	1,053,000	839,500	1,009,000
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1,000).....*	873,926	793,063	907,636
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1,000).....*	103,088	94,166	110,930
Retail Sales (\$1,000).....*	15,900	14,500	15,800
Wholesale Sales (\$1,000).....*	10,900	9,600	10,700
Manufacturing Sales (\$1,000).....*	27,300	23,700	27,800
Retail Inventories (\$1,000).....*	24,800	23,300	23,900
Wholesale Inventories (\$1,000).....*	12,600	11,900	12,600
Manufacturing Inventories (\$1,000).....*	45,300	43,000	44,900

(a) 000 Omitted. (t) 000,000 Omitted.

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—December 1955 and 1954

	Thousands of dollars) DECEMBER 1955	Thousands of dollars) DECEMBER 1954	% Change	NOVEMBER 1955
Boston.....	2,849,635	2,917,688	- 2.3	2,858,904
Philadelphia.....	5,229,000	5,541,000	- 5.6	4,991,000
Buffalo.....	570,260	552,406	+ 3.2	563,304
Pittsburgh.....	1,949,650	1,795,620	+ 8.6	1,754,504
Cleveland.....	2,465,878	2,250,381	+ 9.6	2,302,209
Cincinnati.....	1,225,396	1,219,343	+ 0.5	1,171,002
Baltimore.....	1,522,324	1,571,576	- 3.1	1,492,534
Richmond.....	866,915	842,019	+ 3.0	865,348
Atlanta.....	1,623,000	1,588,200	+ 2.2	1,703,800
New Orleans.....	811,915	797,777	+ 1.8	802,226
Memphis.....	646,389	600,832	+ 7.6	703,886
Chicago.....	4,698,985	4,643,767	+ 1.2	4,525,490
Detroit.....	3,192,542	3,008,141	+ 6.1	3,107,751
St. Louis.....	1,639,574	1,657,478	- 1.1	1,525,977
Louisville.....	933,443	913,855	+ 2.1	841,409
Minneapolis.....	1,573,899	1,576,504	- 0.1	1,639,414
Kansas City.....	1,716,767	1,773,584	- 3.2	1,638,180
Omaha.....	643,371	705,609	- 8.8	666,825
Denver.....	716,954	725,138	- 1.1	734,966
Dallas.....	1,924,014	1,801,342	+ 6.8	1,854,142
Houston.....	1,617,165	1,617,165	- 0.0	1,616,120
San Francisco.....	3,806,550	3,558,058	+ 7.0	3,582,251
San Francisco.....	2,813,712	2,720,417	+ 3.4	2,748,116
Portland, Ore.....	798,488	746,151	+ 7.0	806,752
Seattle.....	791,819	753,031	+ 2.2	773,813
Total 25 Cities.....	46,723,767	45,895,088	+ 1.8	45,270,011
New York.....	50,786,525	52,928,472	- 4.0	43,333,359
Total 26 Cities.....	97,510,292	98,823,560	- 1.3	88,603,370

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	12 MONTHS 1955	12 MONTHS 1954	% Change	12 MONTHS 1953
Boston.....	32,472,727	30,851,376	+ 5.3	29,772,934
Philadelphia.....	59,952,000	57,147,000	+ 4.9	55,662,000
Buffalo.....	6,648,797	6,028,928	+ 10.3	6,164,316
Pittsburgh.....	21,142,526	19,136,875	+ 10.5	19,933,158
Cleveland.....	26,426,616	23,296,779	+ 13.4	24,207,951
Cincinnati.....	13,589,420	12,617,756	+ 7.7	12,523,540
Baltimore.....	17,071,914	15,521,951	+ 10.0	15,407,348
Richmond.....	9,143,190	9,143,190	- 0.0	9,065,346
Atlanta.....	18,709,500	16,597,500	+ 12.7	16,433,100
New Orleans.....	9,355,086	8,679,601	+ 7.8	8,317,963
Memphis.....	6,650,165	6,288,966	+ 5.7	6,076,919
Chicago.....	52,818,527	48,528,414	+ 8.8	47,999,804
Detroit, Mich.....	36,364,754	31,393,549	+ 15.8	32,255,006
St. Louis.....	18,481,105	17,450,330	+ 5.9	17,292,908
Louisville.....	9,637,123	8,729,191	+ 10.4	8,641,387
Minneapolis.....	18,496,865	17,436,146	+ 6.1	16,411,560
Kansas City.....	20,057,800	18,777,279	+ 6.8	18,280,090
Omaha.....	7,722,042	7,998,741	- 3.5	7,837,708
Denver.....	8,502,927	7,607,610	+ 11.8	7,195,799
Dallas.....	21,678,569	19,353,106	+ 12.0	18,512,732
Houston.....	19,199,929	16,917,965	+ 13.5	16,263,728
San Francisco.....	42,818,633	36,745,364	+ 16.5	34,980,220
San Francisco.....	31,492,157	28,019,576	+ 12.4	27,282,105
Portland, Ore.....	9,287,777	8,227,133	+ 12.9	8,505,458
Seattle.....	9,402,418	8,536,549	+ 10.1	8,300,036
Total 25 Cities.....	527,712,061	481,030,875	+ 9.7	473,324,116
New York.....	530,883,498	532,289,472	- 0.2	470,289,301
Total 26 Cities.....	1,058,595,559	1,013,060,347	+ 4.5	943,613,417

## Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1952 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities				New York City				Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952
January.....	87,462	80,946	79,037	78,356	45,004	42,599	39,082	39,160	42,458	38,347	39,955	39,196
February.....	80,589	76,130	68,623	69,594	42,646	40,866	33,899	34,684	37,943	35,264	34,724	34,910
March.....	95,249	90,883	83,913	76,125	49,403	47,723	41,689	38,783	45,846	43,160	42,224	37,342
April.....	83,559	82,815	79,149	76,964	41,673	43,737	39,190	39,943	41,887	39,378	39,950	37,021
May.....	86,047	79,771	75,787	73,283	42,099	42,435	37,671	37,109	43,948	37,336	38,116	36,174
June.....	91,066	89,211	82,121	78,589	46,545	47,566	41,717	41,023	45,421	41,645	40,404	37,566
July.....	83,362	83,729	80,394	78,962	41,017	44,207	39,930	41,509	42,345	39,522	40,464	37,453
August.....	86,995	82,817	71,871	67,369	41,453	43,345	34,435	32,933	45,543	39,472	37,436	34,436
September.....	86,612	80,283	77,912	75,613	42,020	40,710	39,003	37,032	44,592	39,573	38,909	38,581
October.....	90,642	83,176	80,716	83,132	44,905	43,134	39,967	41,383	45,737	40,042	40,740	41,740
November.....	88,603	84,476	75,948	69,304	43,333	43,079	37,535	33,241	44,570	41,397	38,413	36,063
December.....	97,510	98,823	88,142	87,897	50,787	52,928	46,171	44,924	46,724	45,895	41,971	42,673
Total.....	1,058,596	1,013,060	943,613	915,188	530,883	512,029	470,289	461,724	527,712	481,031	473,324	453,464

## Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1952 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities				(1000 Omitted)			
	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952
January.....	939	867	647	671	\$37,872	\$29,592	\$23,309	\$26,208	\$39,000	\$29,906	\$23,760	\$26,300
February.....	877	926	691	619	42,056	47,774	27,273	19,474	42,194	47,909	27,525	19,524
March.....	1,038	1,102	739	715	41,209	57,280	31,082	29,232	41,289	57,746	31,584	29,387
April.....	903	975	693	780	35,968	42,512	27,520	29,530	36,299	43,160	28,152	30,285
May.....	955	943	697	638	34,714	38,494	32,789	21,193	34,840	39,068	33,032	21,209
June.....	914	965	817	671	36,667	41,613	32,379	21,222	37,171	41,615	32,454	21,537
July.....	861	856	724	580	32,543	32,230	39,830	22,789	32,706	32,725	40,334	22,973
August.....	888	912	700	594	36,028	32,582	38,529	16,322	36,425	32,712	30,194	16,672
September.....	822	819	686	539	33,120	36,381	33,817	20,138	33,348	37,573	34,050	20,178
October.....	919	871	840	631	34,777	29,000	37,076	35,049	34,777	29,308	37,298	35,299
November.....	945	933	815	590	42,783	35,067	36,795	18,757	43,073	36,780	36,996	18,859
December.....	908	917	813	583	41,643	40,103	43,754	23,400	42,008	40,925	45,088	23,775
Total.....	10,969	11,086	8,862	7,611	\$449,380	\$462,628	\$394,153	\$283,314	\$453,130	\$469,611	\$400,467	\$286,098

# United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Dec. 1954
ALL COMMODITIES.....	111.3	111.3	111.6	109.5
Farm Products.....	83.4	84.1	86.8	89.9
Processed Foods.....	98.2	98.8	100.2	103.5
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	119.7	119.4	119.0	114.9
Textile Products and Apparel.....	95.6	95.6	95.4	95.2
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	96.7	96.4	95.3	91.8
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	108.9	108.6	108.0	107.5
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	106.7	106.6	106.5	107.0
Metals and Metal Products.....	143.9	142.9	142.4	129.8
Machinery and Motive Products.....	132.8	132.5	131.4	125.7
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	117.4	117.2	116.9	115.7
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	125.4	125.2	126.8	121.8
Rubber and Products.....	151.0	150.6	147.8	132.0
Lumber and Products.....	125.1	125.0	125.4	120.0
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products.....	123.6	123.2	122.8	115.9
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages.....	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.4
Miscellaneous.....	88.7	88.0	91.5	98.0

# United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Dec. 1954
ALL ITEMS.....	114.7	115.0	114.9	114.3
Food.....	109.5	109.8	110.8	110.4
Housing.....	120.8	120.9	120.8	119.7
Apparel.....	104.7	104.7	104.6	104.3
Transportation.....	127.3	128.5	126.6	127.3
Medical Care.....	130.2	129.8	128.7	126.3
Personal Care.....	117.9	117.5	117.0	113.6
Reading and Recreation.....	106.8	106.8	106.7	106.6
Other Goods and Services.....	120.6	120.6	120.6	119.9

# Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1953 to Date

1956	1955	1954
Jan. 3.....	\$5.95	Jan. 5..... \$6.85
Jan. 10.....	5.92	Jan. 12..... 7.03
Jan. 17.....	5.86	Jan. 19..... 6.96
Jan. 24.....	5.89	Jan. 26..... 7.02
Jan. 31.....	.....	Feb. 2..... 7.01
Feb. 7.....	.....	Feb. 9..... 7.09
Feb. 14.....	.....	Feb. 16..... 7.11
Feb. 21.....	.....	Feb. 23..... 7.20
Feb. 28.....	.....	Mar. 2..... 7.21
Mar. 6.....	.....	Mar. 9..... 7.25
Mar. 13.....	.....	Mar. 16..... 7.27
Mar. 20.....	.....	Mar. 23..... 7.34
Mar. 27.....	.....	Mar. 30..... 7.42
Apr. 3.....	.....	Apr. 6..... 7.40
Apr. 10.....	.....	Apr. 13..... 7.35
Apr. 17.....	.....	Apr. 20..... 7.41
Apr. 24.....	.....	Apr. 27..... 7.39
May 1.....	.....	May 4..... 7.38
May 8.....	.....	May 11..... 7.31
May 15.....	.....	May 18..... 7.39
May 22.....	.....	May 25..... 7.46
May 29.....	.....	June 1..... 7.38
June 5.....	.....	June 8..... 7.36
June 12.....	.....	June 15..... 7.23
June 19.....	.....	June 22..... 7.28
June 26.....	.....	June 29..... 7.30
July 3.....	.....	July 6..... 7.22
July 10.....	.....	July 13..... 7.23
July 17.....	.....	July 20..... 7.23
July 24.....	.....	July 27..... 7.10
July 31.....	.....	Aug. 3..... 7.10
Aug. 7.....	.....	Aug. 10..... 7.10
Aug. 14.....	.....	Aug. 17..... 7.07
Aug. 21.....	.....	Aug. 24..... 6.89
Aug. 28.....	.....	Aug. 31..... 6.65
Sept. 4.....	.....	Sept. 7..... 6.70
Sept. 11.....	.....	Sept. 14..... 6.69
Sept. 18.....	.....	Sept. 21..... 6.73
Sept. 25.....	.....	Sept. 28..... 6.71
Oct. 2.....	.....	Oct. 5..... 6.69
Oct. 9.....	.....	Oct. 12..... 6.64
Oct. 16.....	.....	Oct. 19..... 6.59
Oct. 23.....	.....	Oct. 26..... 6.71
Oct. 30.....	.....	Nov. 2..... 6.74
Nov. 6.....	.....	Nov. 9..... 6.80
Nov. 13.....	.....	Nov. 16..... 6.88
Nov. 20.....	.....	Nov. 23..... 6.85
Nov. 27.....	.....	Nov. 30..... 6.85
Dec. 4.....	.....	Dec. 6..... 6.99
Dec. 11.....	.....	Dec. 13..... 6.96
Dec. 18.....	.....	Dec. 20..... 6.96
Dec. 25.....	.....	Dec. 27..... 6.97
Average.....	Average.....	\$6.34 \$7.50

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

# Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-39=100)

# United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

Base Year	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	Nov. 1954
U. S. (B.L.S.).....1947-49	111.2	111.6	111.7	110.9	110.0
Canada.....1935-39	220.7	220.0	220.9	219.6	214.9
Australia.....1953	107.0	108.0	109.0	112.0	108.0
Denmark.....1953	105.0	105.0	104.0	102.0	101.0
Finland.....1953	98.0	99.0	99.0	100.0	98.0
France.....1953	99.0	99.0	99.0	98.0	97.0
India.....1953	93.0	91.0	90.0	91.0	95.0
Norway.....1953	102.0	102.0	102.0	103.0	101.0
Sweden.....1953	106.0	105.0	105.0	104.0	100.0
Switzerland.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.).....1953	106.0	105.0	105.0	104.0	101.0
	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	July 1955	Oct. 1954
Australia.....1953	.....	104.0	103.0	104.0	97.0
Belgium.....1953	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0
Brazil.....1953	.....	152.0	149.0	146.0	136.0
Costa Rica.....1953	.....	.....	106.0	107.0	105.0
Cuba.....1953	.....	95.0	95.0	96.0	95.0
Dominican Republic.....1953	.....	95.0	94.0	95.0	97.0
Germany.....1953	102.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	99.0
Greece.....1953	121.0	123.0	121.0	120.0	115.0
Guatemala.....1953	102.0	101.0	106.0	108.0	111.0
Italy.....1953	101.0	100.0	100.0	101.0	100.0
Japan.....1953	98.0	97.0	97.0	97.0	98.0
Lebanon.....1953	.....	95.0	94.0	93.0	92.0
Mexico.....1953	128.0	127.0	127.0	125.0	115.0
Morocco, Fr.....1953	94.0	93.0	92.0	92.0	94.0
Netherlands.....1953	.....	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0
Peru.....1953	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	113.0
Philippines.....1953	94.0	90.0	93.0	93.0	93.0
Portugal.....1953	96.0	95.0	94.0	94.0	93.0
Spain.....1953	107.0	106.0	105.0	104.0	101.0
Turkey.....1953	.....	.....	119.0	117.0	110.0
Union South Africa.....1953	.....	105.0	102.0	104.0	102.0
Venezuela.....1953	.....	.....	104.0	104.0	103.0

Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955
1.....	275.40	274.77	.....	276.99
2.....	276.40	275.37	.....	277.20
3.....	280.48	.....	274.75	277.37
4.....	280.80	.....	274.05	278.20
5.....	280.08	276.77	.....	278.88
6.....	280.34	276.91	.....	278.28
7.....	276.61	274.32	278.66	278.13
8.....	276.74	.....	.....	277.80
9.....	279.04	274.81	.....	277.78
10.....	280.38	.....	274.43	.....
11.....	280.04	.....	.....	278.32
12.....	279.86	278.42	.....	277.46
13.....	279.65	278.87	.....	277.81
14.....	.....	278.39	274.26	277.40
15.....	.....	278.28	274.69	.....
16.....	279.72	279.76	274.70	.....
17.....	278.79	.....	274.33	276.50
18.....	279.07	.....	275.03	276.00
19.....	280.12	280.38	.....	276.14
20.....	279.15	280.58	.....	277.95
21.....	.....	280.11	275.64	278.25
22.....	.....	280.20	274.97	.....
23.....	279.47	280.15	274.89	279.38
24.....	279.45	.....	.....	274.22
25.....	.....	274.79	.....	274.37
26.....	.....	.....	275.31	280.07
27.....	.....	280.47	.....	275.74
28.....	.....	280.51	274.97	275.05
29.....	.....	280.34	275.87	279.88
30.....	.....	280.22	275.45	279.02
31.....	.....	.....	275.11	.....
(*) Holiday	(†) Sunday			
1955.....	280.79	Jan. 27	.....	270.68
1954.....	279.82	Dec. 28	.....	270.72
1953.....	284.18	July 23	.....	274.04
1952.....	312.13	Jan. 5	.....	280.05
1951.....	329.66	Feb. 17	.....	297.23
				Sept. 10

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	DECEMBER 1955	DECEMBER 1954	NOVEMBER 1955		DECEMBER 1955	DECEMBER 1954	NOVEMBER 1955
<b>New England:</b>				<b>South Atlantic:</b>			
Boston, Mass.....	\$1,974,193	\$1,932,318	\$2,453,894	Asheville, N. C.....	\$115,405	\$215,632	\$130,688
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1,237,936	282,100	496,915	Atlanta, Ga.....	2,840,560	6,822,799	4,165,426
Bristol, Conn.....	189,478	524,446	495,505	Augusta, Ga.....	350,334	213,750	2,770,100
Brockton, Mass.....	240,085	127,650	185,155	Baltimore, Md.....	5,032,092	7,066,750	7,076,814
Cambridge, Mass.....	66,575	414,005	322,961	Charleston, S. C.....	123,963	137,750	68,700
Chelsea, Mass.....	54,325	14,815	32,965	Charlotte, N. C.....	1,387,009	1,320,491	1,320,491
Everett, Mass.....	36,076	53,350	77,134	Coral Gables, Fla.....	642,192	3,582,466	661,498
Fall River, Mass.....	131,755	406,725	78,995	Greensboro, N. C.....	873,895	650,695	501,150
Fitchburg, Mass.....	56,405	32,025	74,400	Greenville, S. C.....	457,150	284,812	426,228
Greenwich, Conn.....	740,270	757,575	1,304,700	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,129,133	1,291,644	1,448,697
Hartford, Conn.....	642,758	2,025,000	1,015,906	Lynchburg, Va.....	261,225	190,360	2,916,968
Haverhill, Mass.....	116,400	87,450	145,975	Macon, Ga.....	358,554	129,053	180,182
Holyoke, Mass.....	115,250	86,300	108,400	Miami, Fla.....	3,247,690	4,006,257	4,178,334
Lawrence, Mass.....	186,620	94,380	132,875	Miami Beach, Fla.....	551,431	475,222	855,013
Lowell, Mass.....	51,950	303,860	119,580	Norfolk, Va.....	2,111,141	369,012	546,235
Lynn, Mass.....	303,180	220,575	384,100	Richmond, Va.....	1,288,105	3,528,941	3,927,536
Manchester, N. H.....	599,778	938,787	597,626	Rosemead, Va.....	1,719,078	345,321	1,029,717
Medford, Mass.....	123,675	66,550	46,300	Savannah, Ga.....	285,240	319,825	586,796
New Bedford, Mass.....	143,410	1,818,623	181,195	Tampa, Fla.....	2,830,838	3,806,266	2,816,158
New Britain, Conn.....	321,300	309,200	514,850	Washington, D. C.....	1,745,966	5,608,068	1,805,380
New Haven, Conn.....	2,488,126	1,584,661	1,299,869	Winston Salem, N. C.	674,910	841,619	557,731
Newton, Mass.....	284,870	361,050	499,170				
Norwalk, Conn.....	585,253	1,153,007	656,883	<b>Total So. Atlantic...</b>	<b>\$27,425,666</b>	<b>\$41,272,680</b>	<b>\$37,999,862</b>
Portland, Me.....	156,900	2,432,420	501,659	<b>East Central:</b>			
Providence, R. I.....	529,400	351,500	692,900	Akron, Ohio.....	\$1,429,862	\$2,792,238	\$1,975,116
Quincy, Mass.....	2,035,403	374,779	166,626	Bay City, Mich.....	135,850	355,835	185,352
Salem, Mass.....	106,273	141,475	173,170	Berwyn, Ills.....	688,257	188,567	187,678
Somerville, Mass.....	265,945	50,315	126,816	Bluefield, W. Va.....	47,657	35,650	119,622
Springfield, Mass.....	444,173	1,165,871	738,245	Canton, Ohio.....	464,895	337,210	426,810
Stamford, Conn.....	1,020,430	1,195,240	958,905	Chicago, Ills.....	12,158,880	19,523,300	25,508,908
Waterbury, Conn.....	333,100	577,732	115,550	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	7,429,925	2,428,505	9,082,605
West Hartford, Conn.....	2,689,262	900,835	1,123,000	Clarksville, W. Va.....	86,300	58,691	126,700
Worcester, Mass.....	370,286	324,515	535,945	Cleveland, Ohio.....	5,225,100	2,657,700	9,403,200
				Columbus, Ohio.....	6,987,675	3,259,625	3,921,945
<b>Total New England...</b>	<b>\$18,640,840</b>	<b>\$21,198,819</b>	<b>\$17,391,205</b>	Dayton, Ohio.....	2,349,430	913,160	1,510,120
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>				Detroit, Mich.....	8,470,134	7,691,359	9,464,918
Manhattan.....*	\$8,873,650	\$14,953,200	\$30,681,172	East St. Louis, Ills.....	150,050	473,956	106,194
Manhattan.....*	2,363,650	2,908,100	2,920,000	Evansville, Ind.....	467,855	548,400	535,950
Bronx.....*	3,691,050	3,946,800	4,871,000	Evansville, Ind.....	465,100	383,415	457,188
Bronx.....*	201,275	365,050	866,285	Flint, Mich.....	1,383,580	1,982,610	1,699,135
Brooklyn.....*	11,791,350	4,668,700	4,527,250	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	1,385,566	896,564	1,266,067
Brooklyn.....*	914,230	1,340,525	1,029,300	Gary, Ind.....	2,402,497	2,393,960	902,746
Queens.....*	14,141,950	9,835,715	8,404,963	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	895,325	528,690	675,640
Queens.....*	893,490	652,870	298,165	Green Bay, Wisc.....	1,000,120	446,650	998,958
Richmond.....*	2,165,825	1,549,750	2,020,900	Hammond, Ind.....	845,125	1,082,740	595,984
Richmond.....*	85,115	88,650	148,780	Huntington, W. Va.....	134,716	415,258	178,853
				Indianapolis, Ind.....	2,006,803	4,444,372	1,794,212
<b>Total N. Y. City.....</b>	<b>\$45,121,585</b>	<b>\$40,309,360</b>	<b>\$55,764,815</b>	Lansing, Mich.....	288,550	527,550	580,750
(a) New York.....				Lima, Ohio.....	124,450	164,625	1,800,000
(b) Alterations.....				Louisville, Ky.....	2,085,275	1,295,749	1,221,245
Albany, N. Y.....	\$334,067	\$337,911	\$454,447	Madison, Wis.....	703,855	1,545,550	1,545,550
Allentown, Pa.....	866,465	109,400	\$467,900	Milwaukee, Wisc.....	5,060,431	8,885,353	5,264,307
Allentown, Pa.....	587,855	133,235	65,935	Newark, Ohio.....	112,950	157,885	350,573
Atlantic City, N. J.....	279,143	141,256	131,562	Oak Park, Ills.....	66,650	127,850	105,995
Auburn, N. Y.....	31,300	36,000	76,200	Peoria, Ills.....	281,413	379,195	1,129,268
Bayonne, N. J.....	86,075	19,900	23,665	Pontiac, Mich.....	441,397	539,413	669,462
Binghamton, N. Y.....	68,983	69,732	20,388	Quincy, Ills.....	137,895	152,691	240,672
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1,904,591	1,240,980	3,791,107	Racine, Wisc.....	364,040	303,120	949,175
Camden, N. J.....	103,017	499,197	223,878	Rochester, Ills.....	963,000	1,267,900	1,009,285
East Orange, N. J.....	271,828	906,187	100,566	Saginaw, Mich.....	376,864	155,464	813,433
Elizabeth, N. J.....	33,400	356,550	162,305	South Bend, Ind.....	573,590	666,520	2,202,625
Elmira, N. Y.....	59,310	733,661	1,654,227	Springfield, Ills.....	201,226	257,057	312,396
Erle, Pa.....	212,040	852,941	635,075	Springfield, Ohio.....	434,200	210,000	854,000
Harrisburg, Pa.....	287,500	571,497	508,980	Superior, Wisc.....	49,180	25,048	33,875
Jameson, N. Y.....	15,900	61,399	141,012	Terre Haute, Ind.....	26,400	208,014	54,225
Jersey City, N. J.....	180,440	268,900	316,850	Toledo, Ohio.....	937,100	644,900	1,273,175
Lancaster, Pa.....	63,525	1,384,433	173,520	Waukegan, Ills.....	239,608	264,990	538,691
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	208,145	286,700	250,053	Wheeling, W. Va.....	237,015	161,200	380,560
Newark, N. J.....	247,925	754,465	363,655	Youngstown, Ohio.....	769,779	692,976	936,111
New Brunswick, N. J.....	323,000	46,053	206,400	Zanesville, Ohio.....	21,750	2,042,550	12,600
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	323,580	657,161	746,425				
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	1,006,874	890,540	597,772	<b>Total East Central...</b>	<b>\$70,988,203</b>	<b>\$73,672,440</b>	<b>\$93,502,174</b>
Philadelphia, Pa.....	6,169,270	8,271,800	17,815,480	<b>South Central:</b>			
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1,721,422	3,198,503	1,903,005	Abilene, Texas.....	\$1,786,459	\$1,315,259	\$1,413,775
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	8,711	37,875	169,050	Amarillo, Texas.....	1,220,234	1,077,292	1,135,254
Reading, Pa.....	443,035	582,966	220,995	Austin, Texas.....	2,254,647	3,050,776	2,384,125
Rochester, N. Y.....	945,078	1,026,696	4,992,177	Beaumont, Texas.....	881,402	401,699	438,707
Schenectady, N. Y.....	290,838	182,891	334,732	Birmingham, Ala.....	2,726,358	1,222,384	4,110,504
Scranton, Pa.....	176,026	411,198	491,802	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1,352,803	350,663	393,069
Syracuse, N. Y.....	776,975	2,021,340	699,280	Dallas, Texas.....	9,047,294	10,394,607	9,755,771
Troy, N. Y.....	42,967	25,505	149,833	El Paso, Texas.....	5,034,358	3,102,459	2,420,047
Utica, N. Y.....	63,750	154,000	374,850	Fort Smith, Ark.....	197,990	206,925	358,206
Watertown, N. Y.....	47,216	14,460	57,850	Fort Worth, Texas.....	2,189,277	4,719,939	3,025,679
White Plains, N. Y.....	182,850	151,570	708,630	Galveston, Texas.....	140,490	421,735	406,112
Wilkes Barre, Pa.....	109,606	109,606	546,546	Houston, Texas.....	5,659,101	12,364,540	8,210,504
Williamsport, Pa.....	79,650	79,546	486,451	Jackson, Miss.....	690,524	5,361,133	984,722
Wilmington, Del.....	319,525	293,487	286,783	Knoxville, Tenn.....	2,665,272	996,460	260,734
Yonkers, N. Y.....	3,190,880	942,050	948,681	Little Rock, Ark.....	358,710	3,335,271	576,064
York, Pa.....	175,000	29,543	333,381	Memphis, Tenn.....	1,635,262	3,187,861	3,857,216
				Mobile, Ala.....	681,636	1,052,399	901,973
<b>Total Middle Atl....</b>	<b>\$67,337,029</b>	<b>\$68,040,491</b>	<b>\$96,749,983</b>				

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	DECEMBER 1955	DECEMBER 1954	NOVEMBER 1955		DECEMBER 1955	DECEMBER 1954	NOVEMBER 1955
So. Cent. (Cont'd)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$980,655	\$1,388,296	\$990,642	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$2,561,047	\$1,508,362	\$2,010,472
Muskogee, Okla.....	129,270	28,800	66,350	Billings, Mont.....	75,200	270,000	325,100
Nashville, Tenn.....	3,215,102	866,136	2,207,385	Boise, Idaho.....	934,228	279,478	267,573
New Orleans, La.....	5,495,039	4,453,427	7,179,714	Butte, Mont.....	132,797	55,996	8,461
Oklahoma City, Okla..	1,944,806	3,063,090	1,374,830	Colorado Springs, Col	1,008,675	1,354,326	1,490,030
Port Arthur, Texas...	214,339	108,845	336,055	Denver, Col.....	5,130,940	9,825,670	8,660,931
San Angelo, Texas...	268,292	1,405,239	260,028	Great Falls, Mont...	109,518	434,150	190,533
San Antonio, Texas...	4,062,020	5,722,111	4,195,450	Ogden, Utah.....	567,100	770,700	392,500
Shreveport, La.....	1,698,813	4,133,516	2,220,876	Phoenix, Ariz.....	3,014,542	1,295,510	2,223,165
Tulsa, Okla.....	913,550	1,226,200	1,216,950	Pueblo, Col.....	663,711	502,926	491,312
Waco, Texas.....	1,051,489	1,152,682	1,063,959	Salt Lake City, Utah	697,434	922,979	966,565
Wichita Falls, Texas..	1,406,687	715,330	1,259,417	Tucson, Ariz.....	1,484,591	620,620	640,892
Total So. Central....	\$59,894,159	\$76,826,091	\$63,024,694	Total Mountain.....	\$16,435,783	\$17,840,717	\$17,673,534
West Central:				Pacific:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$1,152,372	\$1,415,509	\$922,312	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$1,808,327	\$1,239,930	\$729,395
Davenport, Iowa.....	306,549	307,202	740,801	Berkeley, Cal.....	1,130,607	897,040	521,400
Des Moines, Iowa.....	1,371,334	1,194,005	1,872,148	Beverly Hills, Cal..	193,069	672,563	820,223
Dubuque, Iowa.....	90,185	50,080	303,225	Fresno, Cal.....	1,853,620	1,397,987	784,738
Duluth, Minn.....	357,565	1,868,183	260,803	Glendale, Cal.....	2,414,203	1,106,376	1,587,834
Fargo, N. D.....	3,375	93,095	257,500	Long Beach, Cal....	3,124,305	5,577,695	3,001,125
Kansas City, Kas....	523,102	646,447	1,097,647	Los Angeles, Cal....	32,312,870	33,862,643	27,406,540
Kansas City, Mo.....	2,738,000	7,497,000	3,851,000	Oakland, Cal.....	2,148,650	2,780,009	1,738,338
Lincoln, Neb.....	544,731	1,299,230	1,019,002	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,809,362	1,334,870	1,901,702
Minneapolis, Minn....	2,243,825	2,187,622	2,044,099	Portland, Ore.....	1,303,380	3,616,935	2,401,180
Omaha, Neb.....	4,628,245	1,059,159	1,573,399	Sacramento, Cal....	1,105,650	2,129,934	2,952,154
St. Joseph, Mo.....	146,050	361,664	140,537	San Diego, Cal.....	5,621,219	5,783,058	7,095,962
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,215,814	2,080,576	5,134,620	San Francisco, Calif.	3,877,046	4,269,913	7,940,125
St. Paul, Minn.....	2,363,738	1,737,183	2,454,003	San Jose, Cal.....	1,352,200	2,115,785	3,585,550
Sioux Falls, Iowa....	652,800	407,795	792,920	Seattle, Wash.....	3,677,220	6,216,815	5,442,210
Sioux Falls, S. D....	100,781	696,707	718,811	Spokane, Wash.....	1,249,072	4,231,333	1,733,116
Topeka, Kas.....	346,095	1,034,955	960,940	Stockton, Cal.....	906,482	3,455,147	6,042,234
Wichita, Kas.....	1,017,666	3,859,836	2,540,882	Tacoma, Wash.....	695,419	1,555,291	710,457
Total West Central...	\$21,888,227	\$27,806,248	\$26,630,649	Total Pacific.....	\$66,582,711	\$82,283,322	\$76,394,283
				Total 215 Cities....	\$349,192,618	\$408,940,808	\$429,366,384

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	12 Months 1955	12 Months 1954	12 Months 1953		12 Months 1955	12 Months 1954	12 Months 1953
New England:				Middle Atl. (Cont'd)			
Boston, Mass.....	\$37,290,823	\$31,054,401	\$27,744,040	Auburn, N. Y.....	\$2,122,832	\$1,847,084	\$1,773,005
Bridgeport, Conn....	11,393,096	8,677,803	15,479,059	Bayonne, N. J.....	1,976,507	1,612,174	3,543,530
Bristol, Conn.....	4,617,629	4,638,151	15,274,293	Binghamton, N. Y...	4,488,969	3,849,350	4,997,521
Brockton, Mass.....	7,248,519	4,482,891	4,372,192	Buffalo, N. Y.....	25,870,537	21,187,705	23,371,339
Cambridge, Mass....	11,187,653	4,013,301	8,776,427	Camden, N. J.....	7,909,766	11,582,963	9,231,080
Chelsea, Mass.....	461,737	406,098	1,473,332	East Orange, N. J...	3,103,165	4,206,784	2,213,516
Everett, Mass.....	3,399,990	1,725,231	1,462,891	Elizabeth, N. J.....	5,641,717	5,402,333	4,108,650
Fall River, Mass....	2,087,772	1,970,702	2,727,267	Elmira, N. Y.....	3,583,202	3,638,968	2,051,845
Fitchburg, Mass....	1,655,490	3,523,929	2,571,831	Erie, Pa.....	14,940,753	15,240,648	11,406,875
Greenwich, Conn....	16,317,525	14,196,802	9,605,834	Harrisburg, Pa....	11,046,158	15,756,675	4,039,440
Hartford, Conn.....	30,241,969	15,295,702	19,297,954	Jamesstown, N. Y...	5,631,744	2,782,712	3,736,524
Haverhill, Mass....	2,618,025	1,231,575	1,712,698	Jersey City, N. J...	5,632,415	3,441,975	7,841,277
Holyoke, Mass.....	2,618,025	1,686,775	3,146,041	Lancaster, Pa.....	3,357,739	5,824,002	3,194,736
Lawrence, Mass....	3,323,853	1,380,126	2,020,455	Mount Vernon, N. Y.	5,077,016	3,602,256	6,435,764
Lowell, Mass.....	5,654,510	3,749,550	1,605,295	Newark, N. J.....	13,411,409	27,571,260	16,033,106
Lynn, Mass.....	3,570,560	4,107,748	3,501,164	New Brunswick, N. J.	6,416,462	2,174,914	2,174,914
Manchester, N. H....	9,483,913	7,730,416	7,695,624	New Rochelle, N. Y.	20,744,957	12,727,699	17,210,597
Medford, Mass....	1,998,063	1,779,615	2,589,572	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	9,363,894	11,671,173	8,638,946
New Bedford, Mass..	3,356,811	4,736,735	1,110,219	Philadelphia, Pa....	147,171,090	137,508,800	125,536,840
New Britain, Conn...	7,205,230	4,619,705	4,154,093	Pittsburgh, Pa....	55,029,015	34,255,692	33,552,640
New Haven, Conn....	13,420,189	14,721,369	16,357,365	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3,181,456	1,869,282	2,413,094
Newton, Mass.....	7,297,115	11,878,612	8,763,498	Reading, Pa.....	6,408,320	5,038,055	6,610,101
Norwalk, Conn.....	13,924,248	10,727,482	9,805,354	Rochester, N. Y....	20,062,422	16,679,091	22,322,596
Portland, Me.....	5,764,797	5,808,486	3,857,312	Schenectady, N. Y...	3,530,130	4,246,045	5,481,631
Providence, R. I....	8,078,900	4,951,900	12,052,355	Scranton, Pa.....	3,443,642	2,717,862	9,450,554
Quincy, Mass.....	6,233,901	4,837,218	3,785,187	Syracuse, N. Y....	18,441,750	16,226,069	20,240,292
Salem, Mass.....	2,834,401	1,927,597	2,794,655	Troy, N. Y.....	1,633,741	1,390,511	1,662,368
Somerville, Mass....	1,862,826	2,616,200	3,977,961	Utica, N. Y.....	3,973,270	4,605,331	2,352,962
Springfield, Mass..	14,972,357	14,642,561	10,988,506	Watertown, N. Y...	1,375,392	772,285	3,134,946
Stamford, Conn....	23,455,450	21,496,355	14,529,985	White Plains, N. Y.	7,625,756	6,375,783	12,855,096
Waterbury, Conn....	8,237,184	6,974,867	6,698,715	Wilkes Barre, Pa...	2,252,137	3,160,687	2,378,047
West Hartford, Conn.	15,517,502	10,088,051	18,061,495	Williamsport, Pa...	1,885,077	1,711,646	4,476,691
Worcester, Mass....	18,421,449	10,514,692	12,581,429	Wilmington, Del...	10,706,666	8,205,342	11,854,978
Total New England...	\$304,402,757	\$248,442,646	\$252,204,207	Yonkers, N. Y.....	20,171,550	12,805,036	39,406,252
				York, Pa.....	2,891,734	3,503,198	3,935,509
Middle Atlantic:				Total Middle Atl....	\$1,157,797,405	\$981,736,204	\$1,019,340,931
Manhattan.....	\$268,203,825	\$154,957,891	\$153,712,003	South Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....†	32,346,825	43,458,738	40,889,064	Asheville, N. C....	\$3,397,658	\$3,564,877	\$3,441,667
Bronx.....	72,723,828	40,620,162	73,237,196	Atlanta, Ga.....	76,564,008	87,541,690	80,950,592
Bronx.....†	8,731,373	10,523,080	9,587,987	Baltimore, Md.....	8,103,526	3,887,879	15,114,684
Brooklyn.....	4,759,290	100,371,788	91,451,182	Baltimore, Md.....	104,728,190	89,122,612	98,949,876
Brooklyn.....†	19,115,017	21,216,410	17,552,182	Charleston, S. C...	1,032,189	2,941,192	5,230,864
Queens.....	138,954,947	147,845,261	136,070,757	Charlotte, N. C....	26,300,152	22,104,406	30,937,402
Queens.....†	12,838,362	13,529,379	22,519,384	Coral Gables, Fla...	14,135,207	16,453,854	15,061,816
Richmond.....	17,766,980	10,297,912	9,364,615	Greensboro, N. C...	11,276,971	11,082,050	9,020,683
Richmond.....†	2,022,970	1,743,528	2,855,780	Greenville, S. C...	7,328,448	7,710,501	5,511,582
Total New York City.	\$667,463,417	\$546,570,149	\$556,935,050	Jacksonville, Fla...	24,767,773	41,208,690	24,697,052
(#) Alterations				Lynchburg, Va.....	11,874,336	8,894,483	4,493,255
Albany, N. Y.....	\$15,395,892	\$6,999,500	\$7,217,833	Macon, Ga.....	2,814,617	8,509,427	6,989,341
Allentown, Pa.....	12,735,290	9,175,735	10,985,920	Miami, Fla.....	48,818,033	49,019,186	44,643,274
Allentown, Pa.....	2,348,958	1,961,781	1,855,404	Miami Beach, Fla...	23,536,015	18,445,930	17,918,930
Atlantic City, N. J.	1,631,458	2,437,649	2,686,862	Norfolk, Va.....	14,280,444	12,347,261	22,020,640

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# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	12 Months 1955	12 Months 1954	12 Months 1953		12 Months 1955	12 Months 1954	12 Months 1953
South Atl. (Cont.)				South Cent. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.....	\$23,696,748	\$32,108,929	\$19,984,638	Mobile, Ala.....	\$14,688,447	\$13,523,010	\$6,538,064
Roanoke, Va.....	14,493,958	11,029,917	16,522,997	Montgomery, Ala.....	15,856,266	20,505,226	9,285,521
Savannah, Ga.....	5,494,220	7,508,344	5,521,830	Muskogee, Okla.....	1,658,684	897,763	922,744
Tampa, Fla.....	49,269,566	45,944,437	25,231,740	Nashville, Tenn.....	21,663,100	10,101,131	12,422,176
Washington, D. C.....	67,604,087	55,687,881	73,471,110	New Orleans, La.....	98,899,169	54,948,128	72,690,173
Winston Salem, N. C.	11,476,239	12,506,227	9,084,422	Oklahoma City, Okla.	42,863,278	48,515,918	40,509,477
Total South Atl.....	\$552,992,385	\$544,619,773	\$530,796,381	Port Arthur, Texas...	5,267,669	3,614,570	3,310,818
East Central				San Angelo, Texas...	7,573,160	8,264,571	5,450,090
Akron, Ohio.....	\$33,070,982	\$30,102,614	\$36,814,330	San Antonio, Texas...	59,250,190	58,307,589	48,230,710
Bay City, Mich.....	4,760,714	4,144,332	5,306,870	Shreveport, La.....	35,357,955	30,259,109	24,243,637
Berwyn, Ills.....	7,432,272	4,559,386	3,640,866	Tulsa, Okla.....	19,611,905	19,611,905	20,550,355
Bluefield, W. Va.....	1,410,420	920,840	912,452	Waco, Texas.....	14,510,127	14,586,133	11,153,699
Canton, Ohio.....	7,583,918	6,595,394	10,220,901	Wichita Falls, Texas...	13,901,886	10,448,130	7,410,610
Chicago, Ills.....	262,701,077	229,881,300	226,548,200	Total South Cent....	\$984,465,943	\$919,341,516	\$760,901,681
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	57,644,290	53,772,510	58,164,860	West Central			
Clarksburg, W. Va.....	1,853,242	1,876,238	2,173,568	Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$15,739,897	\$11,976,598	\$9,440,732
Cleveland, Ohio.....	78,633,300	62,255,000	86,798,500	Davenport, Iowa.....	11,829,488	9,574,831	7,319,703
Columbus, Ohio.....	50,154,380	44,813,590	43,893,420	Des Moines, Iowa.....	30,474,733	21,716,408	23,173,493
Dayton, Ohio.....	37,182,098	19,731,672	10,262,213	Dubuque, Iowa.....	6,548,067	5,902,337	4,840,840
Detroit, Mich.....	142,826,475	126,511,219	172,925,312	Duluth, Minn.....	8,253,319	7,629,829	6,058,043
East St. Louis, Ills...	3,965,090	3,608,346	2,854,268	Fargo, N. D.....	9,757,051	5,738,608	5,126,993
Evansville, Ind.....	13,984,239	12,482,521	14,910,540	Kansas City, Kas.....	10,553,539	12,397,828	7,372,941
Evansville, Ind.....	5,616,312	6,188,972	9,632,967	Kansas City, Mo.....	63,376,000	58,674,000	45,388,000
Flint, Mich.....	34,121,275	32,243,220	28,740,941	Lincoln, Neb.....	20,472,203	14,896,929	9,383,392
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	14,826,187	18,777,323	12,212,723	Minneapolis, Minn...	44,728,918	36,944,406	36,808,143
Gary, Ind.....	24,148,424	25,578,611	22,050,678	Omaha, Neb.....	27,499,138	25,512,807	15,577,930
Grand Rapids, Mich...	12,850,985	11,317,196	9,747,195	St. Joseph, Mo.....	6,635,133	3,412,360	3,298,947
Green Bay, Wis.....	16,259,493	10,327,226	8,278,593	St. Louis, Mo.....	51,271,889	60,683,304	49,321,130
Hammond, Ind.....	16,471,161	14,755,868	15,090,223	St. Paul, Minn.....	39,172,554	37,943,484	41,649,101
Huntington, W. Va.....	5,752,641	7,374,449	9,002,111	Sioux City, Iowa.....	6,742,245	5,850,349	4,823,661
Indianapolis, Ind.....	35,082,640	40,475,751	31,302,397	Sioux Falls, S. D....	12,270,648	10,788,676	6,489,436
Lansing, Mich.....	14,608,997	10,538,955	16,491,287	Topeka, Kas.....	28,963,991	19,889,007	8,904,993
Lima, Ohio.....	4,926,720	2,342,185	5,577,060	Wichita, Kas.....	43,081,303	41,416,975	35,925,060
Louisville, Ky.....	32,449,181	27,562,580	20,517,575	Total West Central...	\$437,370,116	\$390,948,736	\$320,604,538
Madison, Wis.....	17,178,265	11,825,888	9,725,448	Mountain			
Milwaukee, Wis.....	85,324,160	102,241,364	80,508,724	Albuquerque, N. M....	\$41,843,616	\$33,881,853	\$37,365,224
Newark, Ohio.....	5,197,403	3,413,290	1,642,157	Billings, Mont.....	7,966,840	8,695,720	5,166,000
Oak Park, Ills.....	3,295,209	4,073,944	4,809,530	Boise, Idaho.....	6,235,125	5,393,835	4,688,481
Peoria, Ills.....	13,432,684	7,101,166	9,101,348	Butte, Mont.....	1,127,361	1,230,294	1,540,603
Pontiac, Mich.....	9,469,793	9,471,793	7,322,666	Colorado Springs, Col.	22,663,232	13,501,181	7,805,668
Quincy, Ills.....	6,908,084	3,040,037	7,282,981	Denver, Colo.....	99,853,296	100,569,348	93,150,023
Racine, Wis.....	12,236,254	9,652,318	11,260,770	Great Falls, Mont...	7,233,793	4,511,074	3,087,540
Rockford, Ills.....	19,197,760	15,202,695	6,117,761	Ogden, Utah.....	10,372,975	8,580,700	7,013,054
Saginaw, Mich.....	8,680,040	10,009,349	17,570,383	Phoenix, Ariz.....	22,059,150	18,141,104	16,296,491
South Bend, Ind.....	17,488,459	15,016,586	6,018,478	Pueblo, Colo.....	18,525,670	7,970,876	8,041,074
Springfield, Ills...	5,060,430	13,081,027	3,481,979	Salt Lake City, Uta...	19,649,536	21,048,617	15,053,581
Springfield, Ohio...	4,278,985	2,524,003	2,181,416	Tucson, Ariz.....	12,027,001	8,184,619	7,685,484
Superior, Wis.....	1,234,157	1,738,797	21,842,614	Total Mountain.....	\$269,553,595	\$231,909,221	\$206,207,223
Terre Haute, Ind.....	3,362,140	3,686,124	21,814,416	Pacific			
Toledo, Ohio.....	23,490,795	15,602,631	7,987,778	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$11,230,124	\$27,113,320	\$12,512,418
Waukegan, Ills.....	8,494,027	11,521,195	21,842,614	Berkeley, Cal.....	10,241,128	7,977,336	6,632,234
Wheeling, W. Va.....	10,044,285	5,162,250	4,393,500	Beverly Hills, Cal...	9,840,168	9,923,871	13,006,626
Youngstown, Ohio...	18,394,139	16,207,065	19,655,814	Fresno, Cal.....	28,443,716	22,422,659	17,184,671
Zanesville, Ohio.....	699,769	2,501,928	661,380	Glendale, Cal.....	16,851,701	15,907,022	14,828,986
Total East Central...	\$1,194,183,351	\$1,071,810,748	\$1,097,681,225	Long Beach, Cal.....	60,617,535	45,256,150	54,732,420
South Central				Los Angeles, Cal.....	433,455,885	408,671,889	404,257,010
Amarillo, Texas.....	\$20,299,902	\$14,734,424	\$10,499,865	Oakland, Cal.....	30,565,091	22,981,730	27,568,105
Abilene, Texas.....	21,284,411	20,016,852	17,858,940	Pasadena, Cal.....	23,568,653	17,114,177	15,446,215
Austin, Texas.....	41,098,970	45,536,709	34,112,375	Portland, Ore.....	46,808,340	50,525,755	51,742,540
Beaumont, Texas.....	9,092,542	8,942,792	7,956,152	Sacramento, Cal.....	26,422,799	27,759,174	37,732,155
Birmingham, Ala.....	39,744,137	27,473,189	26,403,446	San Diego, Cal.....	85,406,583	72,379,291	78,620,597
Chattanooga, Tenn...	106,994,592	142,960,046	106,243,356	San Francisco, Cal...	64,670,018	57,745,732	61,493,238
Dallas, Texas.....	106,994,592	142,960,046	106,243,356	San Jose, Cal.....	39,002,944	19,718,535	16,342,261
El Paso, Texas.....	37,373,877	30,091,904	19,198,971	Seattle, Wash.....	71,939,665	77,188,350	52,190,495
Fort Smith, Ark.....	4,381,541	4,464,525	4,793,366	Spokane, Wash.....	27,803,787	40,713,804	28,856,045
Fort Worth, Texas...	57,267,343	47,081,476	48,755,171	Stockton, Cal.....	11,196,298	12,312,738	7,694,359
Galveston, Texas...	4,921,884	7,655,776	4,871,025	Tacoma, Wash.....	14,013,982	17,732,185	16,467,667
Houston, Texas.....	137,136,953	165,338,198	130,212,536	Total Pacific.....	\$1,022,132,417	\$953,445,718	\$939,308,008
Jackson, Miss.....	13,754,310	20,567,610	21,590,837	Total 217 Cities....	\$5,922,897,969	\$5,342,254,562	\$5,136,046,194
Knoxville, Tenn.....	11,545,563	12,303,802	6,597,896				
Little Rock, Ark.....	11,370,037	19,048,792	10,388,265				
Memphis, Tenn.....	45,823,608	49,178,068	48,287,561				

## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1953 TO DATE

TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES				NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
1955	1954	1953		1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
Jan....	\$406,628,525	\$345,357,829	\$312,280,681	\$49,423,105	\$32,068,684	\$28,765,075	\$357,205,420	\$313,284,145	\$283,515,606
Feb....	442,092,367	345,986,529	339,285,454	47,687,734	51,047,477	27,194,212	394,404,633	294,939,052	311,891,242
Mar....	542,997,099	512,663,611	471,778,751	59,577,583	99,045,726	42,546,378	483,419,516	413,617,885	420,232,373
Apr....	521,173,029	489,888,868	537,113,987	49,939,864	55,063,895	50,678,096	471,233,165	434,824,973	486,435,891
May....	565,327,637	435,015,419	466,303,605	65,782,634	35,173,510	52,196,126	499,545,003	399,641,909	414,107,480
June....	634,030,839	521,169,926	458,361,902	99,080,484	39,197,744	43,264,650	534,955,355	484,020,192	415,099,279
July....	511,841,797	448,439,021	532,586,794	51,383,412	40,301,251	49,097,923	460,458,385	408,137,770	463,468,871
Aug....	555,829,122	459,157,830	423,354,317	41,436,766	30,841,192	38,704,044	514,392,356	428,316,638	384,650,273
Sept....	477,025,801	482,032,488	412,211,845	58,177,460	47,413,380	42,701,615	418,848,341	434,619,108	369,510,230
Oct....	487,392,751	463,728,026	428,717,360	44,087,975	30,760,116	56,692,401	443,304,776	432,967,910	372,024,959
Nov....	429,366,384	427,879,197	376,971,823	55,764,815	45,195,814	49,037,818	373,601,569	382,683,383	327,934,005
Dec....	349,192,611	408,940,808	377,077,647	45,121,585	40,309,360	55,856,712	304,071,033	368,631,448	321,220,935
Total...	\$5,922,897,969	\$5,342,254,562	\$5,136,046,194	\$67,403,417	\$540,570,149	\$556,935,050	\$5,255,434,552	\$4,795,684,413	\$4,579,111,144

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# NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	DEC. 1955	NOV. 1955	OCT. 1955	DEC. 1954	1955	TWELVE MONTHS 1954	1953	1952
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>								
Maine.....	52	31	46	52	599	399	428	402
New Hampshire.....	41	45	31	45	435	390	357	253
Vermont.....	22	19	14	16	218	185	200	158
Massachusetts.....	571	307	308	611	4,125	3,783	3,587	3,079
Connecticut.....	199	119	173	188	2,230	1,898	1,745	1,540
Rhode Island.....	118	68	96	96	1,092	861	724	698
Total New England.....	1,003	589	668	1,008	8,629	7,516	7,041	6,130
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>								
New York.....	2,180	2,116	2,236	2,450	28,149	25,591	22,652	22,193
New Jersey.....	622	674	641	685	8,386	7,276	6,651	6,146
Pennsylvania.....	332	300	344	459	4,437	3,963	3,539	3,316
Total Middle Atlantic.....	3,134	3,090	3,221	3,594	40,972	36,830	32,842	31,655
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Ohio.....	589	558	592	550	7,881	6,487	6,080	5,510
Indiana.....	254	155	148	195	2,182	1,832	1,721	1,343
Illinois.....	576	614	567	678	6,508	5,502	5,017	4,331
Michigan.....	256	351	362	338	4,530	4,042	3,159	2,283
Wisconsin.....	175	146	142	215	2,118	1,749	1,440	1,293
Total East North Central.....	1,850	1,824	1,831	1,976	23,219	19,612	17,417	14,760
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>								
Minnesota.....	165	114	110	144	1,774	1,502	1,334	1,069
Iowa.....	79	41	55	61	748	570	490	446
Missouri.....	239	174	189	226	2,456	2,025	1,907	1,543
North Dakota.....	13	13	12	16	185	156	201	146
South Dakota.....	21	13	35	29	280	235	216	169
Nebraska.....	56	32	43	63	584	491	358	360
Kansas.....	93	49	60	85	1,028	790	574	566
Total West North Central.....	666	436	504	624	7,055	5,769	5,080	4,299
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>								
Maryland.....	237	195	172	203	2,627	2,299	2,069	1,809
Delaware.....	344	259	273	275	3,676	3,028	2,816	2,795
Virginia.....	160	159	134	173	1,930	1,741	1,593	1,298
West Virginia.....	56	55	69	55	719	559	606	531
North Carolina.....	179	127	117	133	1,813	1,508	1,406	1,316
South Carolina.....	88	50	65	80	881	757	672	611
Georgia.....	167	116	145	143	2,021	1,696	1,292	1,179
Florida.....	667	538	565	572	7,407	5,652	4,974	4,113
Total South Atlantic.....	1,898	1,499	1,540	1,634	21,074	17,340	15,435	13,652
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Kentucky.....	135	91	95	109	1,222	841	708	660
Tennessee.....	134	103	91	165	1,503	1,299	1,181	1,014
Alabama.....	66	90	104	53	1,039	784	666	586
Mississippi.....	58	38	46	61	629	515	435	454
Total East South Central.....	393	322	336	388	4,393	3,439	2,990	2,714
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>								
Arkansas.....	22	54	57	18	559	402	434	445
Oklahoma.....	142	98	93	125	1,517	1,235	1,031	1,041
Louisiana.....	114	124	125	101	1,598	1,169	1,042	850
Texas.....	513	568	434	623	5,889	4,351	3,633	3,628
Total West South Central.....	791	834	709	867	9,563	7,157	6,140	5,964
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>								
Montana.....	32	20	46	39	391	341	297	252
Idaho.....	26	21	25	42	407	350	312	275
Wyoming.....	18	19	17	31	277	280	192	195
Colorado.....	133	104	156	128	2,011	1,465	938	812
New Mexico.....	38	41	38	27	480	364	323	249
Arizona.....	122	98	96	133	1,235	1,098	754	794
Utah.....	44	28	36	50	699	623	410	356
Nevada.....	26	120	86	96	1,507	1,062	869	658
Total Mountain.....	509	451	500	546	7,007	5,583	4,095	3,591
<b>PACIFIC</b>								
Washington.....	143	125	120	180	1,916	1,494	1,225	999
Oregon.....	87	82	89	95	1,168	892	834	775
California.....	1,053	905	1,180	1,069	14,643	11,532	9,446	8,280
Total Pacific.....	1,283	1,112	1,389	1,344	17,727	13,918	11,505	10,054
TOTAL 48 STATES.....	11,527	10,157	10,698	11,981	139,639	117,164	102,545	92,819

## NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—JULY 1945 TO DATE

	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
January.....	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006	.....
February.....	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554	.....
March.....	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225	.....
April.....	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469	.....
May.....	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044	.....
June.....	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402	.....
July.....	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987	4,213
August.....	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400	4,578
September.....	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551	4,826
October.....	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799	7,027
November.....	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485	7,120
December.....	11,527	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994	8,350
Total.....	139,639	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916	.....

# Failures by Divisions of Industry—December and 12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS			MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
<b>Mining &amp; Manufacturing:</b>												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous...	6	3	3	55	42	41	390	78	397	5,156	8,007	3,034
Food & Kindred Products.....	15	14	17	165	179	165	540	1,000	4,847	14,198	16,089	22,370
Textile Mill Products & Apparel...	40	39	52	506	543	472	2,888	2,868	2,575	25,334	28,682	30,381
Lumber & Lumber Products.....	40	36	32	336	336	287	1,241	4,043	1,415	13,658	18,584	14,092
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	7	12	7	114	129	107	108	3,467	294	6,760	12,274	10,687
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	6	8	3	49	75	60	298	706	182	3,454	5,634	7,292
Leather & Leather Products.....	3	9	3	80	103	98	56	435	147	4,358	6,868	7,109
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	6	6	4	49	60	39	115	179	251	1,821	2,232	2,082
Iron, Steel & Products.....	8	12	10	120	115	66	794	891	1,204	14,219	10,437	11,977
Machinery.....	27	28	28	291	301	171	2,338	1,690	8,567	37,278	37,874	29,753
Transportation Equipment.....	3	3	8	47	51	60	881	551	554	5,327	5,938	6,249
Miscellaneous.....	30	34	26	390	348	291	1,905	1,618	3,298	25,382	18,665	13,828
<b>Total Mining &amp; Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>17,526</b>	<b>23,731</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>171,284</b>	<b>158,854</b>
<b>Wholesale Trades:</b>												
Food & Farm Products.....	21	27	24	274	298	265	696	1,255	1,088	12,635	14,038	16,672
Apparel.....	3	3	2	62	46	38	30	173	65	2,176	1,595	1,217
Dry Goods.....	4	4	5	54	60	44	2,279	852	4,107	4,107	2,377	2,338
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	10	13	10	135	113	103	442	410	665	7,014	5,019	9,304
Chemicals & Drugs.....	1	4	4	36	47	35	65	243	343	1,187	1,334	1,598
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment...	7	4	1	68	56	36	293	81	133	2,020	1,833	1,240
Miscellaneous.....	58	43	39	535	512	412	7,102	4,074	1,808	28,543	30,142	19,830
<b>Total Wholesale Trade.....</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>57,682</b>	<b>56,338</b>	<b>52,199</b>
<b>Retail Trades:</b>												
Food & Liquor.....	86	78	76	1,053	1,004	888	2,057	1,426	1,165	19,556	14,805	15,586
General Merchandise.....	13	14	10	193	192	149	328	261	182	5,193	7,052	4,239
Apparel & Accessories.....	76	51	51	865	808	597	1,325	852	1,161	17,774	15,153	15,204
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	43	56	69	719	906	711	1,719	1,357	2,197	21,072	43,419	26,654
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	24	24	21	324	311	221	900	657	765	10,367	9,844	7,181
Automotive Group.....	44	52	41	544	616	520	1,306	1,012	1,062	12,915	20,604	17,172
Eating & Drinking Places.....	76	85	66	956	945	793	1,753	1,979	1,196	20,330	18,683	17,473
Drug Stores.....	6	16	16	128	161	123	65	482	300	2,574	4,839	4,199
Miscellaneous.....	36	37	32	557	503	379	1,322	483	1,729	11,838	11,074	9,591
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>9,757</b>	<b>121,619</b>	<b>145,473</b>	<b>117,299</b>
<b>Construction:</b>												
General Building Contractors.....	43	50	28	443	456	382	3,753	3,195	1,975	39,827	29,757	21,537
Building Sub-Contractors.....	80	72	52	880	793	582	2,434	2,277	1,586	34,485	23,707	16,082
Other Contractors.....	13	8	9	81	56	60	1,154	454	593	8,867	3,365	5,708
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>5,926</b>	<b>4,154</b>	<b>83,179</b>	<b>56,829</b>	<b>43,327</b>
<b>Commercial Services:</b>												
Passenger & Freight Transportation..	20	18	15	255	282	212	315	537	654	11,870	14,461	8,197
Miscellaneous Public Services.....	5	6	3	30	40	27	64	171	153	4,028	1,746	2,513
Hotels.....	3	6	1	41	37	25	70	211	20	5,901	2,614	4,098
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing.....	7	5	7	95	105	74	68	111	167	1,229	1,838	1,115
Laundries.....	3	3	7	5	41	40	73	69	273	1,174	1,174	1,189
Undertakers.....	..	..	1	8	5	..	..	37	..	32	133	..
Other Personal Services.....	7	7	7	61	61	41	75	56	242	536	2,124	648
Business & Repair Services.....	28	27	23	320	305	243	441	702	325	4,646	8,715	4,391
<b>Total Commercial Service.....</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>29,955</b>	<b>32,704</b>	<b>22,474</b>
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES.....</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>11,086</b>	<b>8,862</b>	<b>41,643</b>	<b>40,103</b>	<b>43,754</b>	<b>449,380</b>	<b>462,628</b>	<b>394,153</b>

## Failures in Large Cities—December and 12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS			MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
New York, N. Y.....	171	163	179	2,153	2,299	2,058	12,775	5,325	6,740	84,320	83,861	87,263
Chicago, Ills.....	9	21	23	262	298	240	214	2,274	1,552	11,554	31,990	15,989
Philadelphia, Pa.....	23	17	22	237	214	188	442	482	893	6,848	9,156	6,597
Detroit, Mich.....	8	6	5	96	77	54	254	183	267	8,917	5,887	7,957
Los Angeles, Cal.....	35	49	45	372	478	416	2,628	5,322	1,244	15,101	19,548	18,645
Cleveland, Ohio.....	18	6	4	104	93	56	1,064	582	2,266	6,669	3,442	4,443
Baltimore, Md.....	14	4	6	113	115	88	1,661	73	221	4,571	3,027	3,453
St. Louis, Mo.....	1	4	..	36	30	13	45	576	..	903	2,031	1,201
Boston, Mass.....	9	4	21	140	106	103	389	460	749	6,139	4,055	3,247
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	5	4	3	51	69	39	554	320	161	3,143	3,459	3,893
Washington, D. C.....	5	6	4	47	64	27	105	147	267	6,969	4,644	3,140
San Francisco, Cal.....	13	7	16	161	169	133	486	242	763	5,688	5,960	4,444
Milwaukee, Wisc.....	13	13	5	135	89	71	233	267	92	2,839	2,415	1,844
Buffalo, N. Y.....	4	4	3	62	54	40	121	233	52	2,646	2,623	1,868
New Orleans, La.....	4	4	3	33	24	32	15	94	162	1,391	624	790
Minneapolis, Minn.....	6	9	2	58	47	34	69	235	41	2,100	2,409	1,398
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	..	1	3	28	38	30	..	162	101	1,002	1,741	1,117
Newark, N. J.....	5	6	4	87	64	59	489	420	337	7,097	2,748	2,876
Kansas City, Mo.....	2	6	4	14	39	29	31	102	311	615	1,361	1,220
Indianapolis, Ind.....	2	4	6	19	40	16	81	274	234	1,490	1,993	395
Houston, Texas.....	3	2	..	33	39	24	268	39	..	1,991	2,010	3,094
Seattle, Wash.....	4	12	5	73	65	46	234	464	136	2,552	1,656	1,778
Rochester, N. Y.....	2	3	4	38	48	48	27	30	28	833	1,295	1,654
Louisville, Ky.....	2	3	3	15	11	21	63	122	90	690	555	853
Denver, Col.....	8	..	4	54	36	22	299	..	190	2,516	1,415	1,364
<b>Total 25 Cities.....</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>3,887</b>	<b>22,547</b>	<b>18,434</b>	<b>16,897</b>	<b>188,584</b>	<b>199,905</b>	<b>175,320</b>
<b>Balance of Country.....</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>6,548</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>19,096</b>	<b>21,669</b>	<b>26,857</b>	<b>260,796</b>	<b>262,723</b>	<b>218,833</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>11,086</b>	<b>8,862</b>	<b>41,643</b>	<b>40,103</b>	<b>43,754</b>	<b>449,380</b>	<b>462,628</b>	<b>394,153</b>



# United States Failures by States—December and 12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS			MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
<b>New England:</b>												
Maine.....	2	4	2	35	48	32	33	55	47	1,234	1,362	2,168
New Hampshire.....	..	..	2	23	22	24	..	..	76	1,075	905	1,309
Vermont.....	..	1	1	6	7	8	..	56	12	394	161	260
Massachusetts.....	21	28	38	385	363	314	663	1,702	2,431	20,775	15,103	13,899
Connecticut.....	13	14	22	164	181	193	462	324	486	5,405	9,365	6,400
Rhode Island.....	8	6	7	107	106	97	175	131	187	4,629	3,766	2,856
<b>Total New England.....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>33,512</b>	<b>30,662</b>	<b>26,892</b>
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>												
New York.....	216	211	214	2,737	2,843	2,539	14,431	8,515	8,212	106,482	106,784	106,417
New Jersey.....	44	31	27	456	385	360	1,834	1,762	3,790	29,753	20,086	25,856
Pennsylvania.....	54	42	44	556	525	410	2,629	1,885	2,052	23,335	28,426	21,615
<b>Total Middle Atlantic.....</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>18,894</b>	<b>12,162</b>	<b>14,054</b>	<b>159,570</b>	<b>155,296</b>	<b>153,888</b>
<b>East North Central:</b>												
Ohio.....	38	33	24	393	384	271	1,945	2,119	4,125	15,599	14,463	11,479
Indiana.....	7	11	11	94	134	67	251	2,153	351	5,228	6,644	2,682
Illinois.....	23	30	31	428	450	332	663	2,589	3,232	16,907	38,641	20,046
Michigan.....	22	15	11	211	209	114	761	367	428	14,435	11,150	5,511
Wisconsin.....	29	33	11	338	239	195	721	1,170	210	8,459	7,221	5,965
<b>Total East North Central..</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>60,628</b>	<b>78,119</b>	<b>45,683</b>
<b>West North Central:</b>												
Minnesota.....	11	15	8	136	108	84	311	380	301	7,061	4,605	3,500
Iowa.....	2	4	6	56	53	60	38	135	286	2,143	2,418	3,056
Missouri.....	9	12	9	93	113	70	420	723	389	3,005	4,429	3,726
North Dakota.....	3	..	..	6	6	4	106	..	..	559	372	150
South Dakota.....	2	..	..	6	3	3	21	..	..	118	78	25
Nebraska.....	1	2	5	20	36	17	20	59	291	2,366	1,169	1,015
Kansas.....	3	4	6	55	55	36	201	61	272	1,599	1,413	1,307
<b>Total West North Central..</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>16,851</b>	<b>14,484</b>	<b>12,779</b>
<b>South Atlantic:</b>												
Maryland.....	16	10	6	138	165	118	1,756	299	221	5,286	4,694	4,400
Delaware.....	..	..	1	5	4	7	..	..	75	129	410	1,039
District of Columbia.....	5	6	4	47	64	27	105	147	267	6,967	4,644	3,138
Virginia.....	8	7	3	76	104	57	300	173	33	3,266	3,979	1,424
West Virginia.....	4	6	5	91	83	59	81	53	423	3,144	2,046	4,425
North Carolina.....	7	3	11	65	69	60	215	108	467	3,313	4,795	3,913
South Carolina.....	4	17	4	66	71	31	11	437	34	2,225	6,159	1,119
Georgia.....	12	11	9	147	152	108	560	412	375	6,944	5,237	3,373
Florida.....	24	17	10	255	245	182	887	1,191	368	11,749	12,809	8,834
<b>Total South Atlantic.....</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>43,023</b>	<b>44,773</b>	<b>31,665</b>
<b>East South Central:</b>												
Kentucky.....	4	5	4	43	40	47	127	193	198	1,694	1,561	1,517
Tennessee.....	16	7	6	129	96	73	518	167	319	8,717	3,252	3,049
Alabama.....	5	2	5	57	73	95	35	27	238	4,392	1,650	4,459
Mississippi.....	4	7	1	60	73	49	127	93	41	1,886	2,441	2,016
<b>Total East South Central..</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>16,689</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>11,041</b>
<b>West South Central:</b>												
Arkansas.....	..	2	3	36	36	31	..	71	85	941	1,830	1,166
Oklahoma.....	2	4	7	48	47	46	13	144	225	2,107	1,438	4,304
Louisiana.....	10	10	10	89	96	97	183	269	369	2,936	4,358	3,427
Texas.....	16	12	24	206	244	183	825	542	2,743	10,089	14,423	16,138
<b>Total West South Central..</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>16,073</b>	<b>22,049</b>	<b>25,035</b>
<b>Mountain:</b>												
Montana.....	3	3	..	21	14	9	18	25	..	248	230	140
Idaho.....	2	1	1	12	22	26	45	85	20	477	856	1,010
Wyoming.....	4	..	..	11	3	7	344	..	..	608	47	150
Colorado.....	13	1	4	86	52	38	434	10	190	3,948	2,052	2,084
New Mexico.....	2	1	1	18	22	15	149	29	31	1,706	752	919
Arizona.....	7	10	2	93	107	68	120	168	26	2,177	2,085	1,910
Utah.....	..	2	3	24	45	39	..	17	252	1,595	1,557	1,001
Nevada.....	1	7	..	30	45	11	10	182	..	2,490	1,227	663
<b>Total Mountain.....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>13,249</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>7,877</b>
<b>Pacific:</b>												
Washington.....	19	24	14	217	178	128	447	658	279	6,204	5,251	4,005
Oregon.....	15	8	17	120	108	79	436	245	493	4,146	4,921	2,917
California.....	197	237	179	2,474	2,558	1,942	8,212	10,172	8,804	79,435	89,363	72,371
<b>Total Pacific.....</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>9,095</b>	<b>11,075</b>	<b>9,576</b>	<b>89,785</b>	<b>99,535</b>	<b>79,293</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>11,086</b>	<b>8,862</b>	<b>41,643</b>	<b>40,103</b>	<b>43,754</b>	<b>449,380</b>	<b>462,628</b>	<b>394,153</b>

## Canadian Failures by Provinces—December and 12 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

Canada:	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS			MONTH OF DECEMBER			TWELVE MONTHS		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
Newfoundland.....	..	1	..	16	8	11	..	50	..	790	244	233
Prince Edward Island.....	1	..	..	4	1	1	12	..	..	519	27	20
Nova Scotia.....	..	1	..	6	16	5	..	29	..	684	459	324
New Brunswick.....	1	1	2	14	22	13	9	33	65	810	589	251
Quebec.....	72	86	66	787	816	615	3,334	2,006	2,079	18,671	24,848	15,064
Ontario.....	32	27	28	368	362	239	1,142	1,015	1,065	10,703	18,126	8,464
Manitoba.....	2	4	..	39	33	45	..	28	79	1,478	1,964	1,486
Saskatchewan.....	1	..	1	28	20	11	19	..	15	1,394	602	286
Alberta.....	5	..	1	14	41	25	141	..	557	611	2,023	1,495
British Columbia.....	2	7	5	76	62	74	76	497	174	2,488	3,135	2,681
<b>Total Canada.....</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>4,761</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>38,148</b>	<b>52,017</b>	<b>30,304</b>

# Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—December and 12 Months 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	DECEMBER 1955				TWELVE MONTHS 1955				TWELVE MONTHS 1954			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
<b>MANUFACTURING.....</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>11,893</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>159,037</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>171,284</b>	<b>173,026</b>
Under \$5,000.....	24	12.6	69	69	188	8.5	565	565	211	9.3	617	617
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	73	38.2	883	883	905	41.1	11,617	11,617	936	41.0	11,787	11,787
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	68	35.6	3,057	3,057	764	34.7	36,288	36,288	766	33.6	37,460	37,460
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	25	13.1	6,545	6,884	327	14.9	75,904	77,724	352	15.4	83,642	85,384
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.5	1,000	1,000	18	0.8	32,571	32,843	17	0.7	37,778	37,778
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE.....</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57,682</b>	<b>57,901</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56,338</b>	<b>58,193</b>
Under \$5,000.....	9	8.7	25	25	97	8.3	282	282	105	9.3	303	303
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	46	44.2	623	623	535	46.0	7,103	7,103	498	44.0	6,764	6,764
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	36	34.6	1,794	1,794	412	35.4	19,690	19,690	406	35.9	19,331	19,331
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	10	9.6	2,841	2,841	114	9.8	21,987	22,206	119	10.5	26,706	26,961
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	3	2.9	5,584	5,584	6	0.5	8,620	8,620	4	0.3	3,234	4,834
<b>RETAIL TRADE.....</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>10,801</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>121,619</b>	<b>122,923</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>145,473</b>	<b>146,702</b>
Under \$5,000.....	90	22.3	255	255	1,121	21.0	3,273	3,273	1,008	18.4	3,014	3,014
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	202	50.0	2,396	2,396	2,936	55.0	35,078	35,078	3,159	57.5	38,074	38,074
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	97	24.0	4,188	4,188	1,101	20.6	48,197	48,197	1,138	20.7	50,054	50,054
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	15	3.7	3,936	3,962	181	3.4	35,071	36,375	181	3.3	34,058	35,287
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0.1	20,273	20,273
<b>CONSTRUCTION.....</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>83,179</b>	<b>83,314</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56,829</b>	<b>58,715</b>
Under \$5,000.....	17	12.5	50	50	162	11.5	507	507	146	11.2	453	453
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	49	36.0	658	658	615	43.8	8,230	8,230	608	46.6	7,985	7,985
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	46	33.8	2,033	2,033	462	32.9	21,779	21,779	431	33.0	20,213	20,213
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	24	17.7	4,600	4,600	156	11.1	32,946	33,081	118	9.0	21,699	24,197
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	9	0.7	19,717	19,717	2	0.2	4,479	5,867
<b>COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,955</b>	<b>29,955</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>32,704</b>	<b>32,975</b>
Under \$5,000.....	19	26.0	50	50	217	25.2	629	629	170	19.4	477	477
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	39	53.4	422	422	421	49.0	5,077	5,077	439	50.1	5,514	5,514
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	14	19.2	514	514	177	20.6	8,049	8,049	205	23.4	9,746	9,746
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	1	1.4	120	120	42	4.9	10,644	10,644	59	6.7	13,627	13,898
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.3	5,556	5,556	3	0.4	3,740	3,740
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES.....</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,643</b>	<b>42,008</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>449,380</b>	<b>453,130</b>	<b>11,086</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>462,628</b>	<b>469,611</b>
Under \$5,000.....	159	17.5	449	449	1,785	16.3	5,256	5,256	1,640	14.8	4,864	4,864
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	409	45.0	4,982	4,982	5,412	49.3	67,105	67,105	5,640	50.9	70,124	70,124
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	261	28.8	11,586	11,586	2,916	26.6	134,003	134,003	2,945	26.5	136,404	136,404
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	75	8.3	18,042	18,407	820	7.5	176,552	180,030	829	7.5	181,732	185,727
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	4	0.4	6,584	6,584	36	0.3	66,464	66,736	31	0.3	69,504	72,492

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—December 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts:	Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	8	220	3	78	20	575	7	328	5	121	43	1,322
New York.....(2).....	68	4,198	38	7,633	103	2,602	20	952	15	289	244	15,674
Philadelphia.....(3).....	16	1,056	8	97	27	789	9	225	3	27	63	2,194
Cleveland.....(4).....	12	1,597	7	144	15	316	13	971	1	2	48	1,030
Richmond.....(5).....	10	1,268	2	53	22	331	6	750	3	45	43	2,447
Atlanta.....(6).....	5	69	6	364	34	803	12	582	4	114	61	1,932
Chicago.....(7).....	17	615	11	406	31	897	18	417	4	42	81	2,377
St. Louis.....(8).....	2	219	1	163	10	219	2	130	1	2	16	733
Minneapolis.....(9).....	2	203	1	22	14	243	2	8	1	22	20	498
Kansas City.....(10).....	7	551	1	22	17	596	2	114	3	28	30	1,311
Dallas.....(11).....	3	40	1	300	10	241	4	274	..	..	18	855
San Francisco.....(12).....	41	1,518	25	1,585	101	3,163	41	2,590	33	414	241	9,270
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>41,643</b>

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—12 Months 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts:	Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	136	9,672	65	3,588	332	8,312	101	7,985	44	2,877	678	32,434
New York.....(2).....	865	63,837	382	20,448	1,560	29,672	198	14,379	159	5,447	3,164	13,731
Philadelphia.....(3).....	118	7,213	67	1,912	230	5,643	69	3,910	23	1,053	507	19,731
Cleveland.....(4).....	101	9,649	49	2,111	248	6,317	99	4,909	47	737	544	23,723
Richmond.....(5).....	65	5,209	42	2,081	280	6,794	67	9,052	22	905	476	24,041
Atlanta.....(6).....	72	4,968	72	3,737	339	8,709	103	6,263	40	4,534	626	28,211
Chicago.....(7).....	204	16,897	121	5,256	536	13,576	142	6,945	64	1,301	1,067	43,977
St. Louis.....(8).....	31	6,400	40	2,486	132	3,597	22	933	18	436	243	13,852
Minneapolis.....(9).....	26	2,467	14	676	122	2,535	25	3,051	10	157	197	13,766
Kansas City.....(10).....	40	4,506	27	2,539	148	4,202	38	1,599	18	920	271	11,004
Dallas.....(11).....	34	1,832	28	1,207	116	3,112	53	4,257	13	596	244	11,004
San Francisco.....(12).....	510	24,295	257	11,641	1,296	29,150	487	19,896	402	10,990	2,952	95,972
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>156,945</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>57,682</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>121,619</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>83,179</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>29,955</b>	<b>10,969</b>	<b>449,380</b>

# Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1953 to Date

1953	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	647	130	20.0	66	10.2	334	51.6	78	12.0	39	6.2
February.....	691	132	19.1	76	11.0	348	50.4	86	12.4	49	7.1
March.....	739	154	20.8	76	10.3	361	48.9	85	11.5	63	8.5
April.....	693	140	20.2	75	10.8	344	49.7	86	12.4	48	6.9
May.....	697	143	20.5	74	10.6	344	49.4	70	10.0	66	9.5
June.....	817	145	17.7	80	9.8	419	51.3	99	12.1	74	9.1
July.....	724	164	22.7	73	10.1	380	52.5	64	8.8	43	5.9
August.....	700	148	21.2	71	10.1	340	48.6	92	13.1	49	7.0
September.....	686	145	21.1	85	12.4	336	49.0	89	13.0	31	4.5
October.....	840	188	22.4	84	10.0	404	48.1	89	10.6	75	8.9
November.....	815	175	21.5	88	10.8	389	47.7	97	11.9	66	8.1
December.....	813	193	23.7	85	10.5	382	47.0	89	10.9	64	7.9
Total Year.....	8,862	1,857	21.0	933	10.5	4,381	49.4	1,024	11.6	667	7.5
1954											
January.....	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February.....	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March.....	1,102	198	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April.....	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May.....	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	84	8.9
June.....	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	132	13.7	81	8.4
July.....	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August.....	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September.....	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October.....	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November.....	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December.....	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year.....	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January.....	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February.....	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March.....	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April.....	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May.....	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June.....	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July.....	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August.....	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September.....	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October.....	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November.....	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December.....	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year.....	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8

# Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1953 to Date

1953	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	647	102	15.8	332	51.3	170	26.3	43	6.6	--	--
February.....	691	124	18.0	349	50.5	159	23.0	56	8.1	3	0.4
March.....	739	118	16.0	371	50.2	185	25.0	62	8.4	3	0.4
April.....	693	104	15.0	351	50.6	173	25.0	65	9.4	--	--
May.....	697	129	18.5	323	46.3	184	26.4	57	8.2	4	0.6
June.....	817	139	17.0	395	48.3	233	28.5	47	5.8	3	0.4
July.....	724	113	15.6	332	45.9	206	28.5	68	9.3	5	0.7
August.....	700	102	14.6	350	50.0	187	26.7	58	8.3	3	0.4
September.....	686	90	13.1	321	46.8	199	29.0	75	10.9	1	0.2
October.....	840	132	15.7	412	49.1	222	26.4	68	8.1	6	0.7
November.....	815	112	13.7	405	49.7	228	28.0	67	8.2	3	0.4
December.....	813	118	14.5	376	46.2	229	28.2	82	10.1	8	1.0
Total Year.....	8,862	1,383	15.6	4,317	48.7	2,375	26.8	748	8.5	39	0.4
1954											
January.....	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February.....	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March.....	1,102	144	13.1	558	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April.....	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May.....	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June.....	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	268	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July.....	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	--	--
August.....	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	--	--
September.....	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October.....	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November.....	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December.....	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year.....	11,086	1,640	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January.....	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February.....	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March.....	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	276	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April.....	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May.....	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June.....	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July.....	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August.....	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September.....	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October.....	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November.....	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December.....	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year.....	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3

**Quarterly Record of United States Failures by Detailed Divisions of Industry—1955 and 1954**

MINING & MANUFACTURING	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars																							
	1954								1955								1954				1955				I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV												
Mining:*																																
Coal.....	6	13	..	2	8	7	3	6	93	4,576	..	98	818	744	121	465																
Crude Petroleum, Natural Gas.....	5	2	3	2	3	3	4	5	784	332	281	69	390	303	571	1,047																
Miscellaneous Mines & Quarries.....	4	2	1	2	5	7	1	3	362	172	1,169	71	356	209	5	128																
Total.....	15	17	4	6	16	17	8	14	1,239	5,080	1,450	238	1,564	1,256	697	1,639																
Food & Kindred Products:																																
Bakery Products.....	13	11	12	14	10	8	8	11	1,825	3,939	1,559	448	357	734	161	563																
Beverages - Alcoholic.....	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	..	274	100	375	122	4	1,030	190	..																
Beverages - Non-alcoholic.....	6	8	1	7	4	6	5	7	198	406	9	496	280	152	116	171																
Confectionery.....	3	3	4	2	5	4	5	4	98	165	350	90	190	314	529	84																
Dairy Products.....	5	3	2	10	9	6	4	4	80	130	66	377	186	335	212	79																
Canning & Preserving.....	6	7	8	4	5	4	5	5	777	1,178	718	398	888	239	1,557	111																
Meat Products.....	4	4	3	4	8	5	4	5	221	90	433	136	1,065	486	1,036	56																
Grain - Mill Products.....	4	2	3	1	1	..	..	3	236	165	17	50	1,000	..	..	281																
Miscellaneous.....	3	5	3	4	4	5	1	7	35	343	77	108	97	467	200	513																
Total.....	45	45	41	48	47	40	33	45	3,744	6,516	3,604	2,225	4,067	3,757	4,001	2,373																
Textile Mill Products & Apparel:																																
Textile Mill Products.....	24	24	18	15	12	10	6	9	2,345	2,718	1,060	695	1,825	354	1,017	420																
Knit Goods.....	5	4	9	9	10	5	3	6	288	2,181	667	297	696	250	57	285																
Men's & Boys' Clo. & Furnishings.....	12	16	11	11	14	9	18	12	498	1,238	798	721	1,433	525	927	1,697																
Women's & Children's Clo. & Acc's.....	73	72	55	64	64	62	71	69	2,356	2,715	1,612	3,551	2,740	2,556	2,446	3,228																
Miscellaneous Apparel.....	35	13	12	27	28	21	21	22	1,936	208	159	1,013	663	919	694	741																
Misc. Textile Products.....	6	13	6	9	12	3	7	12	262	672	183	509	346	169	536	810																
Total.....	155	142	111	135	140	110	126	130	7,685	9,732	4,479	6,786	7,703	4,773	5,677	7,181																
Lumber & Mill Products:																																
Lumber and Basic Products.....	23	24	18	38	17	36	24	41	1,606	1,195	864	2,860	525	994	869	1,646																
Furniture.....	44	59	44	36	40	47	45	41	1,942	2,353	1,937	1,684	2,639	2,090	1,729	1,224																
Other Finished Products.....	10	16	9	15	12	11	7	15	175	1,515	372	2,081	320	508	289	825																
Total.....	77	99	71	89	69	94	76	97	3,723	5,063	3,173	6,625	3,484	3,592	2,887	3,695																
Paper, Printing & Publishing:																																
Paper & Allied Products.....	8	8	3	8	7	1	4	4	417	3,895	476	183	877	34	132	138																
Printing & Publishing.....	31	20	28	23	25	20	23	30	1,218	841	1,319	3,925	1,067	381	493	3,638																
Total.....	39	28	31	31	32	21	27	34	1,635	4,736	1,795	4,108	1,944	415	625	3,776																
Chemicals & Allied Products:																																
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	9	8	9	5	7	10	4	3	475	1,152	291	107	719	1,325	93	163																
Drug, Toilet & Household Preparations.....	8	8	7	7	4	2	9	6	471	654	199	704	113	144	495	190																
Paints & Varnishes.....	4	6	2	2	2	1	..	1	216	413	910	42	72	30	..	110																
Total.....	21	22	18	14	13	13	13	10	1,162	2,219	1,400	853	904	1,499	588	463																
Leather & Leather Products:																																
Leather.....	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	37	446	..	71	..	34	34																
Footwear.....	10	9	9	13	9	8	11	2	1,200	757	1,567	634	390	960	945	92																
Other Leather Products.....	13	23	12	12	11	14	14	8	196	870	344	727	396	603	686	147																
Total.....	23	33	22	25	21	22	26	11	1,486	1,664	2,357	1,361	857	1,563	1,665	273																
Stone, Clay & Glass Products:																																
Stone Products.....	5	10	..	5	6	4	5	4	328	251	..	280	800	75	96	152																
Clay Products.....	2	5	3	7	2	7	3	5	85	113	79	648	52	124	137	86																
Glass Products.....	2	4	4	3	1	5	3	2	46	33	55	16	9	106	38	31																
Miscellaneous.....	1	3	3	3	1	..	1	..	60	90	105	43	107	..	8	..																
Total.....	10	22	10	18	10	16	12	11	519	487	239	987	968	305	279	269																
Iron & Steel Products:																																
Iron & Steel Works.....	4	2	1	1	3	1	2	..	553	227	321	10	910	20	115	..																
Iron & Steel Products.....	34	21	25	27	43	24	16	31	4,205	2,182	1,465	1,474	5,305	2,484	1,454	3,931																
Total.....	38	23	26	28	46	25	18	31	4,758	2,409	1,786	1,484	6,215	2,504	1,569	3,931																
Machinery:																																
Electrical Machinery.....	21	24	20	22	24	25	18	16	9,240	5,066	1,834	674	7,469	8,650	2,663	900																
Other Machinery.....	43	62	55	54	59	42	48	59	6,567	6,436	5,535	2,522	3,706	3,130	6,258	4,502																
Total.....	64	86	75	76	83	67	66	75	15,807	11,502	7,369	3,196	11,175	11,780	8,921	5,402																
Transportation Equipment:						</																										

Quarterly Record of United States Failures by Detailed Divisions of Industry—1955 and 1954

RETAIL TRADE	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1954				1955				1954				1955			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
<b>Food &amp; Liquor:</b>																
Bakeries.....	39	30	30	28	27	42	25	37	521	604	315	635	466	717	338	873
Confectionery & Nut Stores.....	17	6	9	6	11	9	14	7	392	35	103	24	161	43	139	71
Dairy Products Stores.....	5	3	5	10	4	6	8	6	31	22	105	205	231	215	227	90
Delicatessen Stores.....	12	18	12	14	13	18	15	15	173	203	127	254	204	181	170	296
Grocery Stores.....	52	45	49	52	53	55	47	52	422	447	474	535	436	740	410	881
Grocery and Meat Stores.....	84	107	97	95	80	96	77	93	1,556	1,600	1,858	1,835	1,902	1,834	1,393	2,590
Meat and Fish Markets.....	24	22	21	28	24	51	36	33	258	188	216	295	403	825	810	815
Fruit and Vegetable Markets.....	14	8	2	16	8	17	10	12	288	64	17	199	228	247	322	517
Liquor Stores.....	5	11	1	10	4	9	7	7	77	198	3	161	39	90	133	146
All Other Food Stores.....	5	5	2	5	5	7	7	6	111	144	28	82	35	119	65	154
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>4,007</b>	<b>6,433</b>
<b>General Merchandise:</b>																
Department Stores.....	4	2	2	..	1	2	..	..	780	2,086	632	..	450	455	..	..
Variety Stores.....	15	14	15	13	17	12	14	13	271	173	73	127	259	147	169	165
Dry Goods Stores.....	13	11	14	16	15	13	17	13	208	108	642	263	240	410	178	208
General Merchandise Stores.....	15	8	8	12	13	11	11	16	305	180	206	338	226	381	236	407
Country General Stores.....	6	8	6	10	8	3	9	5	104	146	226	184	186	822	153	101
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>881</b>
<b>Apparel &amp; Accessories:</b>																
Family Clothing Stores.....	13	19	10	12	16	9	13	9	154	454	211	214	304	173	133	130
Men's & Boys' Clo. & Furnishings Stores.....	48	57	43	48	61	47	35	61	1,162	1,676	936	912	1,379	808	937	1,253
Women's Ready-to-wear Stores.....	84	77	50	61	79	83	68	62	1,388	1,535	853	801	1,332	1,398	1,339	800
Women's Accessory Stores.....	19	19	11	20	24	21	24	21	321	498	64	167	328	298	581	260
Shoe Stores.....	23	27	27	20	30	24	25	21	417	405	411	363	551	413	1,155	743
Miscellaneous Apparel Stores.....	42	31	29	18	41	28	30	33	1,105	336	333	507	973	561	326	1,509
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>4,867</b>	<b>3,651</b>	<b>4,471</b>	<b>4,785</b>
<b>Furniture &amp; Home Furnishings:</b>																
Furniture Stores.....	81	71	76	62	71	71	42	54	2,870	2,308	2,519	2,293	2,439	2,139	1,818	1,705
Home Furnishings & Equip. Stores.....	55	38	37	29	34	42	31	30	816	577	1,127	989	735	692	579	671
Electrical Appliance Stores.....	128	146	99	84	107	102	61	74	17,604	4,707	4,549	3,060	3,758	2,455	1,776	2,305
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>21,290</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>8,195</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>6,932</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>4,681</b>
<b>Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware:</b>																
Lumber & Bldg. Mtl. Dealers.....	36	48	34	34	40	45	31	55	901	1,755	1,215	1,585	1,019	1,692	1,047	2,811
Paint, Glass, Wall Paper Stores.....	13	15	9	12	14	16	13	10	212	223	119	150	208	124	190	139
Hardware & Farm Impl. Dealers.....	23	31	22	34	22	23	26	29	806	798	689	1,391	600	710	1,055	772
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>3,722</b>
<b>Automotive Group:</b>																
Motor Vehicle Dealers.....	83	57	61	45	37	24	40	50	3,880	4,049	5,181	1,236	2,004	957	1,913	2,469
Automobile Accessory Dealers.....	9	9	12	22	15	8	16	11	173	139	231	795	290	154	370	158
Garages and Repair Shops.....	44	33	31	38	32	46	37	35	692	399	407	390	288	748	419	346
Filling Stations.....	35	29	51	51	35	53	45	56	425	391	540	494	438	695	530	1,010
Other Automotive Dealers.....	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	..	14	135	89	44	104	4	18	..
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>6,448</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,983</b>
<b>Eating &amp; Drinking Places—Total.....</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>4,295</b>	<b>4,820</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>4,481</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>6,266</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>5,016</b>
<b>Drug Stores—Total.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Retail Trade:</b>																
Cigar Stores.....	8	6	8	10	8	5	9	8	65	44	83	1,911	68	147	101	94
Fuel and Ice Dealers.....	2	4	..	2	7	9	3	5	21	33	..	83	147	173	97	406
Florists.....	9	7	9	12	12	7	8	8	72	101	110	165	150	94	181	73
Jewelry Stores.....	39	27	22	20	36	41	33	21	1,133	480	561	376	723	790	1,394	492
Book, Stationery & News Dealers.....	9	11	10	8	12	11	5	6	123	148	209	91	251	137	138	66
Farm & Garden Supply Stores.....	15	9	15	9	11	12	15	18	445	264	454	181	378	174	630	368
All Other Retail Stores.....	55	71	51	60	75	61	55	56	1,135	1,222	785	779	1,109	1,221	715	1,521
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>3,256</b>	<b>3,020</b>
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>46,436</b>	<b>35,491</b>	<b>32,726</b>	<b>30,820</b>	<b>30,547</b>	<b>31,203</b>	<b>26,882</b>	<b>32,987</b>

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index *			
	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952
January.....	42.9	39.4	28.2	29.7	40.9	36.8	26.4	27.8
February.....	45.6	47.9	35.6	31.0	38.6	40.9	30.4	26.3
March.....	44.0	46.7	32.2	31.6	41.1	43.6	29.8	29.5
April.....	39.7	42.9	30.3	34.4	36.8	39.7	28.1	31.6
May.....	43.7	43.1	31.5	26.1	41.6	41.0	30.0	26.5
June.....	40.2	42.5	35.4	30.7	40.6	42.9	35.8	31.0
July.....	39.1	37.6	31.3	25.4	42.0	40.4	33.7	27.3
August.....	37.4	40.1	30.3	25.9	41.6	44.1	33.7	29.1
September.....	37.5	37.5	30.7	24.5	43.6	44.1	36.1	28.8
October.....	41.9	39.9	36.2	27.4	44.6	42.4	38.9	29.8
November.....	46.8	46.4	41.7	30.3	46.3	46.4	41.7	30.3
December.....	39.8	40.3	35.3	25.3	42.3	42.9	37.2	26.6
No. Average...	41.6	42.0	33.2	28.7	....	....	....	....

(\*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment for bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.



Quarterly Record of United States Failures by Detailed Divisions of Industry—1955 and 1954

WHOLESALE TRADE		Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
		1954				1955				1954				1955			
Food and Farm Products:		I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Groceries & Food Specialties:																	
Confectionery.....		9	5	4	4	4	1	6	3	237	165	52	92	94	15	116	32
Groceries (full time).....		6	5	2	3	3	4	7	4	379	528	309	58	32	137	263	134
Meats and Provisions.....		7	10	8	10	13	11	15	12	393	428	836	348	256	437	704	199
Fish and Sea Food.....		4	7	4	6	6	5	5	4	78	129	209	161	297	386	182	224
Other Grocery Products.....		15	12	15	16	22	9	12	6	575	283	406	353	460	464	340	193
Farm Products:																	
Dairy and Poultry Products.....		9	11	15	15	9	10	9	4	351	745	833	1,063	405	513	360	338
Fruits and Vegetables.....		14	13	21	19	22	10	18	13	566	757	917	948	977	548	1,130	359
Farm Products—Raw Materials...		3	3	3	4	4	2	4	5	77	371	297	490	524	184	358	1,202
Beverages — Alcoholic.....		6	5	3	2	3	4	2	3	225	226	85	68	309	336	36	91
Total Food and Farm Products....		73	71	75	79	86	56	78	54	2,881	3,632	3,944	3,581	3,354	3,020	3,489	2,772
Apparel.....		13	8	15	9	19	13	17	13	238	279	498	580	538	520	733	385
Dry Goods.....		17	20	12	11	11	12	16	15	896	909	377	195	476	348	485	2,798
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....		29	23	32	29	37	30	34	34	1,562	1,245	1,122	1,090	1,599	2,054	1,559	1,802
Chemicals and Drugs.....		12	12	8	15	10	7	11	8	373	179	84	698	225	267	455	240
Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equip..		14	12	18	12	18	18	18	14	446	353	815	219	467	382	473	698
Misc. Wholesale Products:																	
Coal, Coke, Petro. Prod'ts....		..	2	1	6	2	2	4	4	..	55	20	1,061	33	53	1,097	154
Electrical Goods.....		12	18	14	16	13	11	17	16	831	1,573	1,594	705	535	200	2,046	408
Furniture & House Furnishings...		11	12	13	7	14	15	12	14	420	316	275	367	348	273	410	493
Machinery Equip. & Supplies....		36	36	49	35	42	31	34	25	789	1,357	1,765	1,080	3,516	879	1,518	1,153
Paper and Its Products.....		9	4	7	7	11	8	11	8	894	86	158	235	262	251	461	265
Tobacco and Its Products.....		3	2	7	2	4	..	1	5	212	513	484	1,858	365	..	128	108
All Other.....		60	42	54	47	70	56	42	63	3,351	3,454	3,572	2,517	1,843	1,742	2,727	7,075
Total Misc. Wholesale Products...		131	116	145	120	156	123	121	135	6,497	7,354	7,868	8,423	7,002	3,398	8,487	9,656
Total Wholesale Trade.....		289	262	306	275	337	259	295	273	12,893	13,951	14,708	14,786	13,661	9,989	15,681	18,351
CONSTRUCTION																	
General Building Contractors.....		118	115	104	119	99	110	111	123	7,330	4,943	8,363	9,121	12,729	7,685	7,849	11,564
Building Sub-Contractors:																	
Carpentering.....		8	6	4	9	12	11	6	16	82	81	28	106	195	351	148	294
Painting and Decorating.....		13	25	27	29	19	21	20	27	241	392	440	337	1,500	768	207	481
Heating and Plumbing.....		62	57	47	62	39	53	63	68	2,112	2,237	1,741	2,458	1,312	1,231	2,060	3,788
Electrical.....		10	14	10	19	19	31	21	25	186	539	242	1,265	577	1,451	1,103	957
All Other.....		109	102	85	95	97	102	110	120	3,417	3,105	1,753	2,945	3,352	4,030	4,000	6,680
Total Building Sub-contractors...		202	204	173	214	186	218	220	256	6,038	6,354	4,204	7,111	6,936	7,831	7,518	12,200
Other Contractors.....		18	16	6	16	23	13	19	26	1,135	583	361	1,286	1,471	521	4,841	2,034
Total Construction.....		338	335	283	349	308	341	350	405	14,503	11,880	12,928	17,518	21,126	16,037	20,208	25,798
COMMERCIAL SERVICE																	
Public Services:																	
Transportation, Passenger & Freight.		71	88	64	59	61	62	64	68	5,115	3,507	3,373	2,466	3,934	3,064	3,400	1,472
Misc. Public Services.....		12	10	8	10	5	8	8	9	742	455	182	367	149	3,028	547	304
Total Public Services.....		83	98	72	69	66	70	72	77	5,857	3,962	3,555	2,833	4,083	6,092	3,947	1,776
Personal Services:																	
Hotels.....		8	9	11	9	10	10	9	12	652	648	677	637	1,885	1,307	427	2,282
Cleaning, Dying, Repairing....		30	31	25	19	26	27	21	21	619	405	401	413	406	351	239	233
Laundries.....		8	6	12	15	15	12	9	14	118	116	417	523	448	321	129	446
Undertakers.....		..	1	..	4	2	1	3	2	..	10	..	22	74	188	66	73
Other Personal Services.....		15	12	15	19	20	18	7	16	262	133	172	1,557	212	156	52	116
Total Personal Services.....		61	59	63	66	73	68	49	65	1,651	1,312	1,667	3,152	3,025	2,323	913	3,150
Business Services.....		37	34	42	30	29	32	31	31	2,991	894	1,250	1,141	602	467	466	582
Repair Services (other than auto)...		40	37	42	43	45	51	50	51	482	486	723	748	604	604	829	492
Total Commercial Service.....		221	228	219	208	213	221	202	224	10,981	6,654	7,195	7,874	8,314	9,486	6,155	6,000
Total United States.....		2,895	2,883	2,587	2,721	2,854	2,772	2,571	2,772	134,646	112,619	101,193	104,170	121,137	107,149	101,691	119,203

# Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Divisions of Industry—1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1954				1955				1954				1955			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
<b>Manufacturing:</b>																
Foodstuffs.....	5	7	7	7	2	3	5	2	130	99	382	403	10	61	138	51
Textiles.....	20	21	16	26	36	16	11	14	3,745	1,033	1,292	1,250	1,224	882	462	650
Forest Products.....	15	19	8	16	10	10	6	11	814	1,494	397	1,031	219	433	173	681
Paper, Printing, Publishing.....	2	5	2	3	2	5	5	2	14	277	31	50	15	54	135	12
Chemicals and Drugs.....	2	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	35	94	9	..	..	78	79	..
Fuels.....	4	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	642	..	172	..	..	29	90	..
Leather and Leather Products.....	5	5	..	1	5	2	2	1	278	2,455	..	318	186	88	42	61
Stone, Clay, Glass and Products.....	3	1	2	1	..	2	1	1	147	310	26	30	..	97	26	5
Iron and Steel.....	..	4	4	..	3	2	2	1	..	438	220	..	47	207	36	95
Machinery.....	4	5	1	6	3	6	..	5	1,079	1,056	5	247	324	233	..	114
Transportation Equipment.....	3	..	1	2	..	2	2	10	79	..	9	154	..	115	50	..
All Other.....	13	6	2	6	9	5	2	10	512	396	95	349	288	163	7	359
<b>Total Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>2,028</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade:</b>																
Farm Products, Foods, Groceries.....	11	4	3	6	9	7	7	8	474	275	93	66	630	232	633	362
Clothing and Furnishings.....	2	3	2	1	3	2	..	1	122	94	199	10	156	47	..	8
Dry Goods and Textiles.....	3	11	4	6	3	5	..	3	21	474	48	164	41	627	..	237
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	3	..	5	1	4	5	1	1	159	..	123	7	176	103	185	15
Chemicals and Drugs.....	3	..	1	2	1	2	1	..	34	..	21	50	14	39	6	..
Fuels.....	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Automotive Products.....	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	3	110	34	91	..	..	..	19	70
Supply Houses.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All Other.....	20	14	9	16	16	16	11	13	961	278	176	310	364	232	201	196
<b>Total Wholesale Trade.....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>931</b>
<b>Retail Trade:</b>																
Foodstuffs.....	32	38	24	27	42	34	30	24	367	411	405	323	634	372	344	310
Farm Supplies, General Stores.....	6	8	4	4	5	7	5r	7	91	159	50	44	135	294	143r	130
General Merchandise.....	12	3	8	4	9	3	..	3	245	101	200	38	123	40	35	139
Apparel.....	44	28	19	25	46	26	23	24	696	466	210	933	1,228	386	550	332
Furniture, Household Furnishings.....	32	29	23	32	25	27	11	16	1,157	597	850	707	586	797	136	479
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	9	6	7	11	10	11	8	16	252	197	118	172	217	262	104	665
Automotive Products.....	31	18	28	32	26	27	11	30	1,571	327	980	890	1,316	449	113	2,405
Restaurants.....	28	14	13	21	27	19	21	28	284	380	141	329	368	200	269	327
Drugs.....	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	4	11	31	12	24	37	30	16	56
All Other.....	18	14	11	10	21	16	9r	12	578	357	180	118	577	281	159r	182
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>3,146</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>5,025</b>
<b>Construction:</b>																
General Contractors.....	16	21	12	37	28	22	24	41	914	1,017	497	1,525	1,129	785	927	1,025
Carpenters and Builders.....	2	1	4	4	5	1	1	3	9	3	341	24	37	25	2	38
Building Sub-contractors.....	25	22	24	26	38	20	17	28	1,471	855	353	829	1,135	429	410	949
Other Contractors.....	..	2	3	..	1	1	1	2	..	865	327	..	10	323	45	295
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>2,307</b>
<b>Commercial Services:</b>																
Cleaners, Dyers, Tailors.....	2	4	4	1	2	5	6	5	10	31	45	2	8	183	125	52
Haulage, Buses, Taxis, etc.....	8	6	9	11	13	5	6	10	244	274	349	160	172	42	119	503
Hotels.....	4	1	..	1	5	3	5	4	82	128	..	63	161	13	235	132
Laundries.....	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	11	114	..	..	..	416	62	36
Undertakers.....	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..	..	..
All Other.....	15	10	6	6	9	11	7	6	116	174	32	159	144	108	142	78
<b>Total Commercial Service.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>801</b>
<b>Total Canada.....</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>15,294</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>11,092</b>

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Provinces:	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1954				1955				1954				1955			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Newfoundland.....	2	..	4	2	5	2	3	6	56	..	116	72	171	201	163	255
Prince Edward Island.....	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	27	..	..	5	34	468	12
Nova Scotia.....	8	5	1	2	3	1	1	1	236	105	32	86	332	94	233	25
New Brunswick.....	8	3	8	3	3	5	5	1	183	71	284	51	45	496	260	20
Quebec.....	237	215	137	227	25	18	148	197	6,282	9,486	3,003	6,077	6,063	4,031	2,670	5,907
Ontario.....	101	86	88	87	104	104	60	100	7,805	3,438	3,728	3,155	2,879	3,419	1,549	2,856
Manitoba.....	10	10	2	11	18	8	4	9	1,042	365	14	543	1,090	108	64	216
Saskatchewan.....	4	2	10	4	8	6	9	5	68	107	367	60	496	316	300	282
Alberta.....	15	5	11	10	2	4	2	6	1,019	243	625	136	20	200	31	360
British Columbia.....	22	17	12	11	23	19	19	15	774	1,452	310	599	682	256	380	1,170
<b>Total Canada.....</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>17,465</b>	<b>15,294</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>11,092</b>

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Cities: (1951 Population Ranking)	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1954				1955				1954				1955			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Montreal, Que.	127	136	86	121	141	100	85	101	4,455	6,781	1,780	3,021	3,592	2,648	1,535	3,744
Toronto, Ont.	43	28	32	24	31	40	11	33	2,407	1,145	2,232	906	1,107	1,447	220	1,062
Vancouver, B. C.	12	9	8	5	13	13	16	10	288	937	160	467	519	133	331	240
Winnipeg, Man.	7	8	2	7	10	2	4	5	770	349	14	404	691	32	64	100
Ottawa, Ont.	4	4	3	4	12	8	4	13	46	50	23	107	179	78	88	416
Quebec, Que.	14	7	1	6	18	13	6	12	177	240	86	64	326	145	75	239
Hamilton, Ont.	5	2	5	2	6	4	1	4	59	28	163	227	119	73	32	61
Edmonton, Alb.	7	2	7	8	2	3	2	3	427	77	387	114	20	195	31	211
Calgary, Alb.	4	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	308	117	193	..	..	4	..	119
London, Ont.	8	5	3	3	1	2	5	1	329	316	64	49	70	40	125	25
Halifax, N. S.	2	3	..	2	..	1	1	..	81	86	..	86	..	94	233	..
Regina, Sask.	1	1	..	..	5	1	1	..	7	90	..	..	464	76	90	..
Saskatoon, Sask.	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	8	22	11	64	..
St. John's, Nfld.	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	101	..	133	157
St. John, N. B.	..	..	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	71	33	8	..	194	..
Total 15 Cities	234	206	151	184	244	189	144	185	9,354	10,216	5,173	5,486	7,218	4,973	3,215	6,374
Balance of Country	173	138	122	173	179	147	108	156	8,111	5,078	3,306	5,293	4,565	4,182	2,903	4,178

